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PEOPLE NOT ISM-OIDS

Hello there! Well here it is, Spring 89 issue of No Picnic. We hope you enjoy it. No Picnic is an assortment of ideas, exspressions and information, not of any one perspective or influence, but of many. Often we are asked:'How does your group define it's politics?'., or ' What are the goals your trying to achieve?' Well to tell you the truth, we strongly reject and resist the tendency to categorize and don't believe in 'blueprints for 'revolution'. In defining one's politics and even the idea of seperating 'politics' from the rest of our everyday life activity can only lead to boring old dogma and rhetoric. And there's enough of that around already, thank-you. We know what we like /love and we know what we hate and think is gross. This is something that changes as we live, grow, learn and unlearn. We see self activity as an important part of local resistance. As definers of our own activity, outside of the 9-5 and other impositions that society has shoved down our throats, we must not slide into the trap of incorporating this societies garbage into our lives. Like boring and dry politics, workerist ideas and terminology like 'activist' and other stupid concepts such as 'politically correct' that plague the ghettos of the political sphere. If we can't enjoy ourselves, break-out and do things we really desire and want to do, then self activity is shot to hell.

We are influenced by many things and ideas. We are people, not ism-oids with a cause. As individuals we have differences. Like we hash things out from time to time, but we agree on a lot as well. We try to remain self-critical and open to other aproaches and influences. The paper is one facet of our lives and we try to allow space, so it doesn't become an all work no fun type of project. Other activity, our daily lives, and pleasure almost always take precedent over No Picnic. We're all still dealing with the shock and horror of this society we live in, and at times it's difficult to go into the next day, living and trying to be open and honest with each other, let alone trying to put out a newspaper. Knowing that there's people out there who care and give a shit enough to fight against injustice and refuse to bow down to the dictates of conformity, are all inspirations that keep us alive and empowered.

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All struggles come down to resistance against domination. Power-over has been institutionalized in a society wherein one group, the ruling class, owns the means of production. ie: (factories, mines, distribution, infrastructure etc) and also manages the movement of capital. At the same time they try to reduce our lives to that of 'worker' and expect us to throw a large part of our life away, to the benefit of their profit-making machinery.

'From the cradle to the grave, you made yourself the systems slave' -AMEBIX---

There factories and all their other alienating structures can burn to the fucking ground for all we care. But they can't do it by themselves. They need help.

This society is also organized in an increasingly centralized and bureaucratic manner by the State, ie: (Prisons, armies, government, police, tax collector etc.) We feel that those who see nationalism as a tool for liberation are either kidding themselves or have already picked a comfortable position in their future 'revolution'. We don't have to look far to see the counter-revolutionary effects of nationalism, a world defined and seperated by boundaries, the reproduction of hierarchy and the whole elitist mentality that this concept embraces leads us to the recognition that nationalism barrs the way to a free society.

'I spit upon the flag I spit upon religion' The EX---

Thirdly power over is virtually universally exspressed in the organized domination of women by men(religion, family violence etc...) This system is called a patriarchy. The interplay between the institutions of the patriarchy, the State and capital is that which must be understood, explained, exposed and destroyed. As long as these structures remain in place and are left to interact with each other unopposed, freedom is only an-elusive and far off dream. We sometimes use the word civilization to express the totality of what were up against. When we step away from the influences of civilization, and begin acting autonomously of its structures, an effective resistance can begin to grow

We are inspired and encouraged by those who attempt to smash and topplethat which seeks to destroy us all.

Because of our situation locally we must learn to take advantage where we can. Two outstanding realities here, are the great isolatiom from large populations, relative to europe or even eastern N. America, and the fact that our economy is based on so-called natural resource exploitation. We watch with interest developments in W. Europe and elsewhere and try and learn what we can from them, but they obviously have limited applications in our scenario. Because of this we must develop our own methods of continuing and building resistance with both long and short term goals in mind, try to apply it as much as possible to our daily lives and be constantly flexible - open to new ideas and change. Autonomous, unmediated, non-directed and collective efforts that work towards this, is what we seek to promote.

Thanks everyone who has helped out with bringing this and past issues of No Picnic together. Donations, correspondence , great submissions have made No Picnic what it is. We want to thank Colette Beaulieu for the front cover and inside cut block photo in the last issue. We hope to see another issue out sometime this summer. We always appreciate submissions of articles and graphics so keep it in mind. This issue we have included a lot of information and writings either from prisoners or about prison and prisoners. We did not include this information with the idea of filling people with feelings of shock and horror. We feel that the blatant and sickening hypocracy of this society can not be realized until we look into the cages that it has built for us . We hope that this recognition will ignite people into action and the calling for the abolition of all these profit motivated factories of despair. While freedom is denied the resistance must continue!

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SHELL TO HELL

In August 1988 a Vancouver group calling itself Shell Busters spraypainted 21 Shell gas stations. An early morning action that left fuel pumps, signs and company trucks covered in anti-Shell/ anti/ apartheid messages. After the action the group proceeded to send a communique to the press explaining Shell Canada's involvement in the S. African apartheid economy. Shell Canada's parent company, Royal Dutch Shell is being attacked for this very same reason. I

In December, there was another weekend of activity against Shell. It started off on a friday night, with an informal demonstration which I was lucky to catch since advertising for it was minimal. It took place at a local gas station, people held up signs and blocked traffic from entering to some degree, this included parking a couple of cars next to the fuel pumps to slow down business even more. Then they called tow trucks to remove them. The manager had a big huff -puff about the whole affair. As soon as the tow trucks rolled up, people jumped into their cars and made off without getting a ticket. Later an irate customer purposely drove into the picket and came close to hitting some of us. A few of us quickly responded with boots to the car, feeling quite pissed off. The jerk got out, we shouted back and forth, then he got back in his car and threw it in reverse, once again he got boots to the car then took off. One participant could be heard babbling about Gandhi, but I have a feeling most people realized it was a justified response. Later that night about six Shell Stations were spraypainted and locks superglued. This was reported the next day at a public demo that was loud and inspiring, right in the middle of crowds of shoppers on Granville St., and outside the Shell Corporate headquaters.

Up the pressure.

'NEW AGE' : NOTHING NEW

We at no picnic have long had a contemptuous view of 'New Age' religion. We see nothing new about the interplay beteen capitalism and religion. The following bit of information that we recieved from Ecomedia Toronto seems for us to show the ultimate hypocracy of 'New Age'.

In Aspen Colorado, people can spend $100 for a one-day workshop on using quartz crystals for self realization. Here in Vancouver people can purchase crystals from a number of stores , these crystals they say promote healing thoughts and improve dreams.

Whether these claims of crystal power are true or not, I have no Idea. But what is real is the strain crystal collectors are putting on the environment, especially in Arkansas, one of the largest sources of crystals in N. America. Legions of eager crystal hounds are descending on the area armed with screwdrivers, shovels and bulldozers. According to a resident it resembles gold rush days. There have been several articles on 'how to' collect crystals, one pictured the author proudly displaying her booty at the bottom of a badly eroded hillside. In addition to plundering legal mines people have been at work in the state forest digging pits six feet deep and then abandoning them, which is hazardous for animals, hikers and promotes soil erosion. Meanwhile the federal forest service, never known for its love of the wilderness has been granting crystal permits left, right and center.

TRASH THE DUMP!

The BC government has scrapped plans to build a $20 million hazardous waste incinerator in Cache Creek, 3 hours North of Vancouver in the interior desert. An overwhelming wave of opposition to the project to be built by the company BC Special Waste Services, forced Environment Minister Bruce Strachan to back down on the plans.

In a classic manipulation manoeuvre, a proposal was first launched to locate a dump site for residential and 'light industrial' refuse from Vancouver. It was to be trucked from Vancouver, hundreds of thousands of tonnes annually to end up in the dry canyon of the Thompson River. Empty trucks would then be filled with wood chips from a new chipper mill fed by more clearcutting in the watershed. The trucks would head back south to a mill in Bellingham Washington. So efficient this destruction.

Resistance to that plan by farmers, ranchers, other locals and the Native people who'd been using the site as a berry gathering place and sacred burial ground for eons, grew rapidly. A mayor was elected on a "No Dump" ticket, only to switch hit after the erection and promote the plan. Rumours abound that he'd been bribed.

Meanwhile, another proposal was announced during the confusion, to locate a hazardous waste incinerator nearby.

Their backs already against the wall, locals now had another threat to their and their children's lives. A series of meetings were held where environmental scientists exposed the stack of lies on which the government and corporations based their pro-dump, pro-incinerator propaganda. Local people got to the point of saying that they would do whatever it takes to kill the incinerator proposal.

So, in a show of 'compromise' the filth backed down on the incinerator but the mega-dump is on track and is probably starting to recieve truckloads of trash right about now.

So on the one hand a victory, on the other a slap to the face.

I stopped for a coffee in Trash Creek recently and inquired about the dump. Locals told me indignantly that it was going ahead. When they learned that I was from Vancouver, they told me,"You can keep your *#&$%*# Garbage!" They weren't joking. Resistance to the dump continues.

The government has stated that it is now actively seeking another site to vapourize the 74,000 tonnes of hazardous wastes that are generated annually in BC. Rumours are that possible locations are Ruby Creek which is 100 km east of here near Hope , or near Chetwynd north of Prince George.

Has anyone suggested incinerating the industries that produce these wastes?

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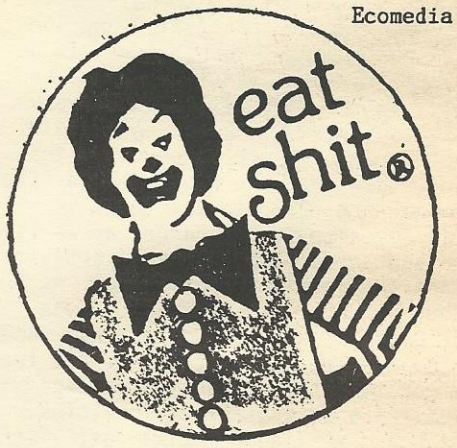

SCREAMING TREES!

We don't have much respect for scientists or any of their experts for that matter, but get a load of this;

In an article in Washington State University's Northwest Science Magazine, physicist Ed Wagner announced that he has found evidence that trees communicate with each other in a language he calls W-waves. Apparently, chemical or electrical explanations don't fit his findings.

The W-waves were measured at 3 feet per second through trees and at 15 feet per second through the air. "They seem to be an altogether different entity," he says. The article goes on to report that if one tree is chopped down it puts out "a tremendous cry of alarm while adjascent trees put out smaller ones."
I believe it! But I didn't need to see any scientific proof. Anyone who's witnessed fallers clear-cutting these living beings or gazed upon a forest fire has felt those heart wrenching screams!

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THE GREAT CREATOR

"Enclosed is a photo of a sign at a Western Forest Products campground near Cape Scott (on Vancouver Island) park and near also to many clear-cuts. From one of these clear-cuts I spotted two domes of the military base near Holberg. Anyway, (we were thankful to WFP for 'creating' this campsite, including, I presume, the trees within it and for their moral suasion expressed in this sign. We were terribly tempted to mutilate these ancient trees, but how could we upon gazing at this sign - truly a beacon of light in the wilderness. Then we realized the truth behind those miles of stumps we witnessed along the trek to this campsite: WFP was mercifully removing the trees from the forest to protect them from monsters like us. Maybe they're all in a tree museum somewhere?

Hey! There's my contribution to NP!"

source: wild friends

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SHELL: DEADLY PROPAGANDA

Hey guys, guess what? The boycott and direct action (spray painting, demos, etc.) against Shell Canada/Royal Dutch Shell has got them on the defensive! The work being done against apartheid and Shell has pushed them into distributing a "plea package", propaganda insisting that Shell is anti-apartheid.

Everyone should enjoy human rights

Included in this propaganda is a direct statement trying to disassociate Shell Canada from Royal Dutch Shell, "Shell Canada has neither operations nor investments in South Africa." However, in being a subsiddiary of Royal Dutch Shell, 79% owned by Royal Dutch Shell and the Shell transport and trading company in England, it is understood that they are strongly linked with operations in South Africa.

The president of Shell Canada insists that the company has no influence on its parent company, but any drop in sales due to any anti-apartheid boycott in Canada would be immediately felt by the larger body.

Although totally denying any operations in South Africa, Shell Canada do concede (contradicting themselves) to the sale of sulphur and polypropylene, used for the agriculture industry. In South Africa, sulphur is used in the production of fertilizer, as sulphuric acid, and is the key ingredient in most industrial processes. South Africa imports 1/2 of its sulphur needs; 95% of which is supplied by Canada.

EXCERPT FROM PLEA PACKAGE

Police and military supplies

Critics accuse Shell South Africa of complicity in the repression of the black population because, they allege, the company supplies fuel to the military and to the police.

The fact is that all oil companies operating in South Africa are prohibited by law from giving anyone, including their shareholders, any information about oil supplies and distribution – and the penalties for breaking the law in this respect are very severe.

In any case the South African government has wide powers to compel oil companies to supply, or to requisition, oil products.

The presence or absence of one oil company would not prevent oil supplies being made available for military or police use.

There are four oil refineries in South Africa. The Sapref refinery near Durban is jointly owned by Shell and BP. The Milnerton refinery near Cape Town is owned by Caltex, which is jointly owned by Texaco and Chevron. The Wentworth refinery near Durban is jointly owned by a number of companies of which Mobil holds the largest share and finally, there is the Natref refinery at Sasolburg of which Sasol, a South African company, owns 52·5%.

In addition, a substantial proportion – 30% to 40% according to a recent US government report – of South Africa's liquid fuel needs are derived from indigenous coal at the large coal conversion plants at Sasolburg.

Mr. John Wilson, chairman of Shell South Africa, expresses his feelings and concerns about apartheid,"Apartheid is not only an unacceptable burden which cost the taxpayer R10-billion toR15-billion, a year, but is the major cause of uncertainty in relationships with world trading partners." Obviously through this statement, Wilson has expressed concern soley for the steady growth of the company. In a letter included in the package Senior Director/Royal Dutch Shell, L.C. van Wachem contributes to Wilson's compassion, "We want business to stay in South Africa to work aggressively for the change and to help prepare Black South Africans for when apartheid ends."

Shell propagandists summararized their anti-apartheid campaign like this:"It all comes down to what you believe is the best way of fighting apartheid. The Shell Group believes it can contribute to the anti-apartheid cause by remaining to help create a new, free, non-racial, and democratic South Africa and by sustaining the viability of the economy once apartheid is gone." Shell believes that they are the authority on how apartheid should be fought. Throughout this entire package, the contradictions and acknowledgements of their involvement in the mechanics of apartheid can only prove that Shell has no defense!

CUBA, NO PARADISE FOR: HOMOSEXUALS MASTURBATORS OR PEOPLE WITH AIDS

"We would never come to believe that a homosexual could embody the conditions and requirements of conduct that could enable us to consider him a true Revolutionary, a true Communist militant".

Fidel Castro (quoted in Castro's Cuba: Cuba's Castro by Lee Lockwood, 1969)

"If a person did that (masturbate) it would be against the Revolution and he couldn't be a Revolutionary".

Paula Diaz (Cuban Centennial Youth Column leader)

Cuba has begun to incarcerate people with AIDS. It is the intention of the Cuban State to test all nine million people on the island by the fall of 1989. Two million Cubans have already been tested and as of last April 190 of them have tested AIDS (HIV) virus positive and are therefore potential carriers of the disease. They are isolated at a complex outside of Havana, and must have an escort from the centre to visit their homes. Apparently the Cuban government is assuming financial responsibility for their care and wages to their families, but that still doesn't excuse this homophobic, authoritarian and frightening approach to try to contain the virus. In any case, all it does is create a false sense of security in the minds of those who do not test positive, and who are now more likely to ignore safer sex practices, which are the most effective in the long term.

GOD IS A MAN!

" If God existed, it would be necessary to abolish him." Holy Moly

The recent Church of England's ' Making Women Visible' document has made a few recomendations, such as replacing 'sons of God' with 'children of God' who live 'in love and peace' rather than live ' in love and peace with all men', in order to avoid offending women. But don't be fooled by those reforms, they don't mean anything fundamental is happening: although Church liturgy should now indicate that mankind does include women, the document also stated that God is, nevertheless, still a man! What a disgusting dick-tatorship! We at No Picnic sincerely hope that that repulsive autocrat shrivels up and dies-the sooner the better!

Aids, Cancer Cured By HYPEROXYGENATION

by Waves Forest

Article reprinted from the June 1988 issue of Health Freedom News

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NEW AGE FILTH SHOW THEIR COLOURS!

Some months ago No Picnic recieved a note from a group in Texas called Metascoop International requesting an exchange of periodicals. There was no description of their publication so we just sent a copy of N.P., requested one of theirs, called Flame and said we'd decide about the exchange once we'd seen a copy.

After recieving Flame, basically a grab bag ofNew Christian Age Entreprenurial Spirituality, we didn't bother sending any more NPs. But they kept sending us Flame.

In the latest issue the lead editorial talks in vague terms about the urgency of Native land claims, which is fine. But, it then goes on to say,"These international support links consist of dedicated peace activists, environmentalists, human rights activists and a darker element - the anarchists.(my emphasis - ed.) There are some who, wishing to gain an increased power base may be undermining the peaceful efforts of the many. They are forging dubious friendships and offering militant assistance to those who have found no vehicle to voice their various and just causes." Wow! Paranoid?

The editor of Flame, Barbara Sowell has good reason to fear the darker element. She'll not be able to gaze into her crystal in the middle of a black-out!

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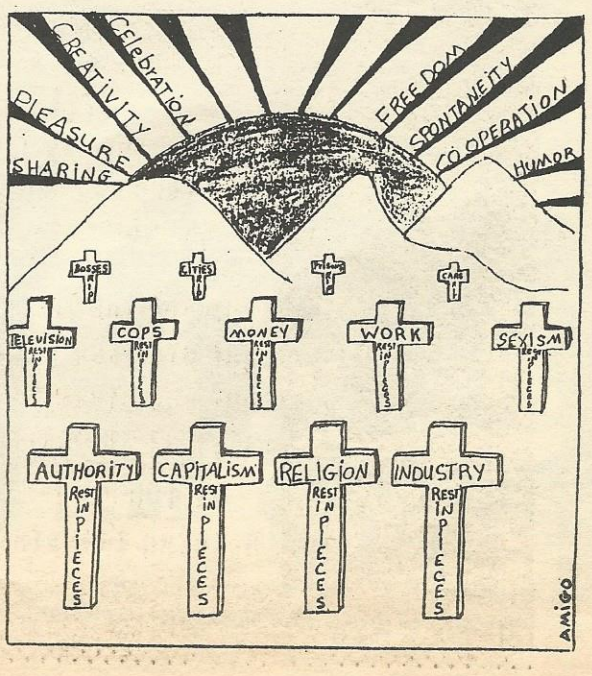

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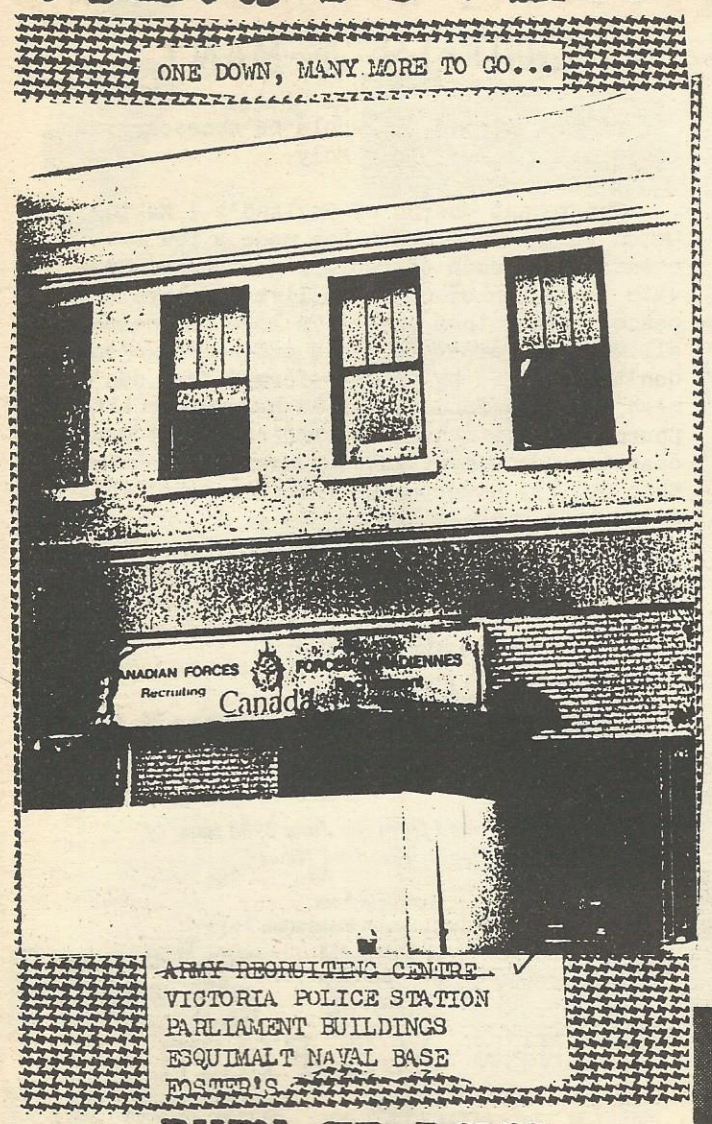


BURN IT DOWN!

Locally , a bit of good news lately, a new zine outta Victoria recently reported on the recruiting center in their town bieng fire-bombed, all we can hope is that more actions in defiance of these scum who promote mindless militarism will start to occur on a more regular basis. Unfortunately Moral Hygienne has no mailing address for the time bieng.

CONSUMER FRENZY AT ANARCHIST BOOK FAIR

Dawn of Liberty,s first organized event turned out to be a great day for all who turned up. It started out with a bookfair on Sat. March 4th at noon and drew hundreds of people from various walks of life. In the evening 4 bands played to a lively and captive audience. Some money was raised but most importantly people could relax , pick up information , talk with friends and find out more about this idea called anarchy.

Dawn of Liberty will be putting on more events in the future so keep your eyes open for them.

millions at the Anarchist Bookfair photo: DOL

PSYCHIATRIC PRISONERS ABUSED!

In September 1987, Jacklyn Vahey, a 15 year employee of the Restigouche Psychiatric Hospital Center in New Brunswick, reported that some members of staff were physically and mentally abusing patients. The hospital allegedly investigated but no action against the abusers was taken. Vahey reported the incidents to the police. She was suspended from her job and 'advised' to seek'psychiatric help', then later told she had been mandatorily placed on an "Employee Assistance Program", because her bosses felt that there was a question of her mental health! This meant that she was compelled to undergo a psychiatric examination which she did but was luckily cleared. The hospital administration told her she would not be reinstated unless she retracted her statements. She refused and was subsequently offered another job at the hospital, but demoted from a Psychiatric Attendant2 to a Laundry worker1. She again refused and, after public exposure in the local media, her case was heard by a state adjudicator who ruled in her favor. She was ordered reinstated with back pay after over a year of not giving up. Unfortunately the public (i.e. media) focus was on the courage and innocence of the worker, and not on the plight of the inmates at the institution, and therefore the case is considered closed because Jacklyn now has her job back and even received back pay. Anyone interested in Psychiatric Liberation should contact Phoenix Rising, who do a lot of good work in solidarity with psychiatric inmates. Check our resource/contact list for their address.

Mecca Normal, Dawn of Liberty gig. photo;DOL

WHITE SPOT BOSSES: LYING SCUM

The White Spot restaurant chain knowingly and deliberately misled and misinformed it's workers, the union and the public during last fall's strike which saw the company close two restaurants permanently. The restaurants were shut to intimidate the employees.

During the strike the company published large ads in major newspapers making a number of false claims, including the lie that it had the best wages in North America and that 20 per cent of White Spot jobs would be lost if it agreed to union demands. In January, the Industrial Relations Council (set up by the Socreds to intervene in labour/management disputes under anti-union provincial laws, Bill#19 and #20 which restrict the right to strike until the IRC has intervened), directed the company to publish advertisements of the same size and in all the same newspapers as the originals admitting their campaign of misinformation. The company appealed, but this was dismissed in late March. I still wouldn't hold my breath for this company to publish anything remotely honest about their scummy tactics.

TECHNO-POLICE

RCMP Inspector Mike Cassidy of their identification section here in Vancouver says a new $1.5 million computer system will make fingerprint ID faster. The computer will be able to scan 10,000 sets of fingerprints in seconds. (see article;"Without a Trace") They now have about 250,000 sets of prints nationwide. It's a co-operative effort between the RCMP and city dicks. Vancouver police now have over 100,000 sets of fingerprints.

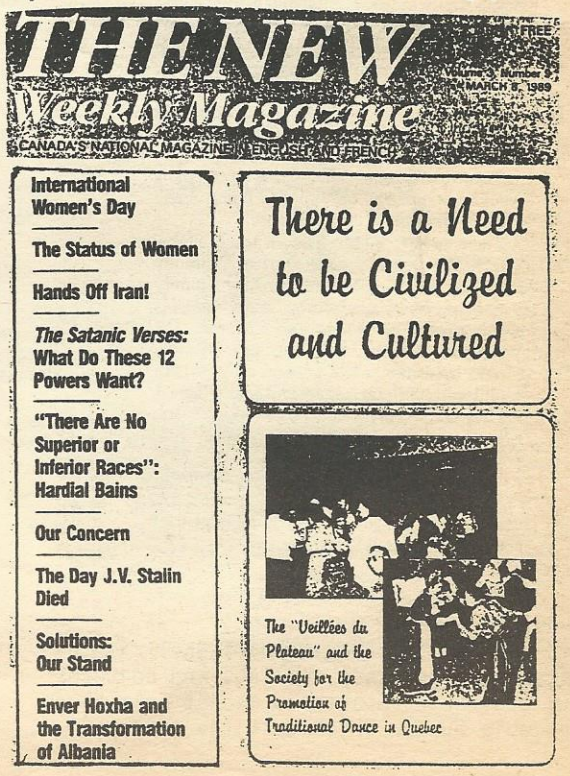
source; Liason, Solicitor General of Canada, Communications Group, Ministry Secretariat, 340 Laurier Ave West, Ottawa, Ont, K1A 0P8. (ask for a 'free' subscription')

COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (MULTIPLE-LOBOTOMIES)

For the past few months Vancouverites have been picking up free copies of The New Weekly, a newsprint magazine widely distributed throughout Vancouver and in other Canadian cities. It is subtitled:"Canada's national magazine in french and english", and presents itself as an informative source of news and analysis for the average Jo/Anne. What contrasts sharply with this image is the:"All hail our leaders- J. Stalin/ Enver Hoxha/ Hardial Bains"bullshit. (Enver Hoxha was the top of the heap in Albania until his recent death, and Hardial Bains is the leader of the Communist Party of Canada(Marxist-Leninist). They add the M.L. in brackets to distinguish themselves from the Communist Party Of Canada which they believe has degenerated into a " bourgeois and revisionist party...no longer fit to lead the working class"). The New Weekly is actually a slick, but painfully obvious, propaganda organ of the CPC(ML). A recurring theme is their wholehearted denial that Joseph Stalin was an extreme authoritarian who oversaw the butchering of millions of innocent people during his purges. This assertion is akin to denying the Nazi liquidation of jews, gypsies, gays, the differently-abled and other ' undesirables'. Both are well documented and it takes either an ignoramus and/or a fanatic to deny them.

The CPC(ML) consider themselves to be the only "real party" as well as the " vanguard of the working class", in other words, they are an aspiring political dictatorship, but not really a threat, numbering only a handful of boring leaders and a few followers who've been sucked into it. Hearing them at demos (they organize anti-cruise missile test rallies in Vancouver- typical poster language: " All Out To Mass Rally!")mindlessly repeating the current Party line and slogans, I often reflect on how easy it is for us to become robots, to lose our ability to think for ourselves by becomming mere appendages to an Organization.

I also think it's important to note that Stalin, who succeeded Lenin at the helm of the Bolshevik dictatorship, adopted methods and analyses that are largely logical continuations of Lenin's, and not incomprehensible distortions of of an authentic revolutionary critique. Whatever the reason for Stalin's red fascism, The New Weekly remains a real part of it, and in that respect should be dealt with accordingly.



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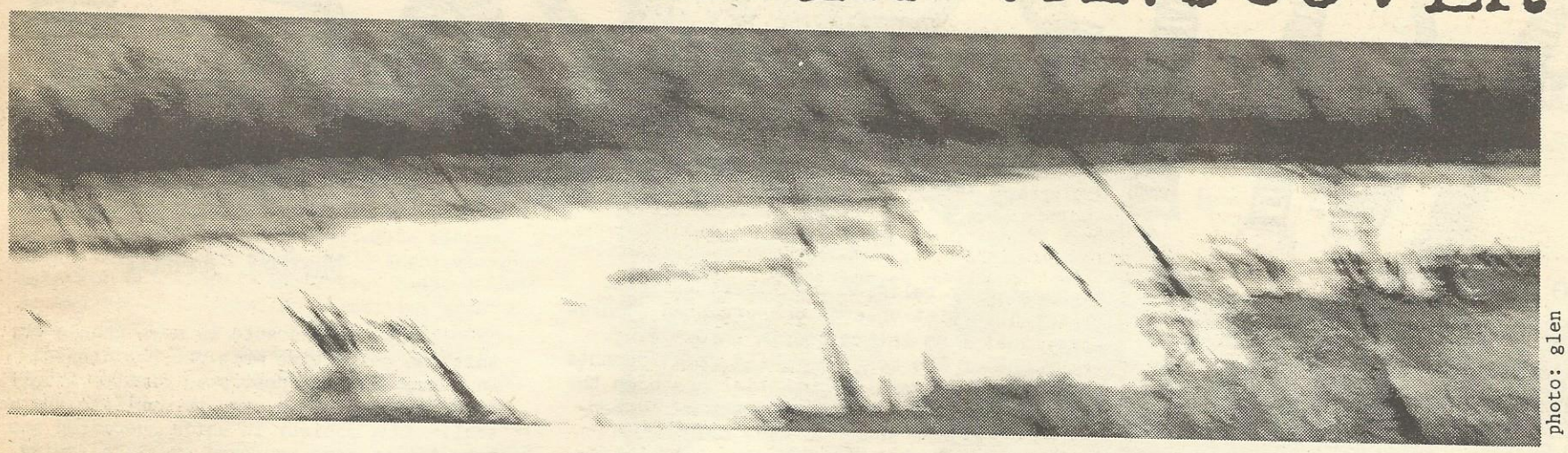

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AUTONOMY CENTRE REPLY

As someone that participated in the Autonomy Centre project, I'd like to ad my two-bits worth to the post-mortem that appeared in the Fall '88 No Picnic.

I agree with everything whatstherface said about our experience down there. Hellish, oppressive space. Hard/impossible to find. Little energy, etc.

I wanted to add some more thoughts. I was concerned from the very beginning, because of some experiences with collectively run projects in Montréal, that people would assume that good intentions, desires and enthusiasm would transform itself into a dynamic project. This was not, and never will be the case. A dynamic, growing, changing and active project is the result of actually working(or playing) together on something. Paying rent and sitting in a space full of books, magazines and posters will never be enough. This one of the hard truths that we all had to swallow.

Another important aspect for me that was unmentioned was our experience around process. A group of a dozen or so people, most of whom had never worked together, some complete strangers, came to the first discussion at the space on what to do with the project. Our basic connection was that all of us had an anti-authoritarian social perspective. Still, it was no surprise that there were fundamental differences in regard to how process would play a part in the existence of the autonomy centre.

Alot of us brought along assumptions about process, internalized by experiences in the sticky morass of worn-out left/liberal/anarchist political projects. It seemed that most folks assumed that what we were doing was trying to get as many people as possible out to work in the project and take part in the meetings/process. What they assumed is that our intention was to build a mass movement, starting in that ugly little box. There was quite some unease and confusion that some of us weren't into just anyone coming to a planning meeting, taking part in decision-making and/or doing shifts. They felt that this was un-Anarchistic.

We eventually came to an understanding after some intense discussion. I'm sure that not everyone was entirely satisfied with the direction it had taken. A friend who is a member of the Syndicalist union, the Industrial Workers of the World, was clearly dissappointed when he said to me,"Well, all I can say is that's not how we Wobblies would do it!" What he said was true! Absolutely! We had no intention of creating an organization, an institution, a bureaucracy.

What was eventually decided was that people were welcome to come and hang out, get to know others in the project. Once we became familiar and grew to respect and trust each other, they would be welcome to participate in the decision making about the centre itself.

There was no rigid timetable or format for this to take place. You could call it human or organic or real or whatever. In the collectively run project in Montréal, the policy was that an interested person did three shifts then the collective had to decide if we could/wanted to work with the person. What ended up happening was that alot - too much - energy and time was spent sorting out gross misunderstandings resulting from profound schisms in our social (anal)ysis. That project has slowly and painfully dissolved. There were many reasons for it's ultimate demise, but lack of clear basis of unity and organizational vision were important.

Here at the Autonomy Centre, what we wanted to attempt was a project that existed and moved on the basis of affinity. An affinity group's main function is not to increase it's own size. After some discussion we agreed that it just makes sense to work with people that you are able and feel comfortable working with. As it was, it was nearly impossible to get a dozen people together to talk about things or to make any decisions. Even with what some thought of as a small number, some people had a tendency to talk more than others, some had little to say and a few were more or less silent. Was it that some people had more important, or felt they had more important things to say? Or maybe the quiet and silent ones thought their own opinions of little or no importance?

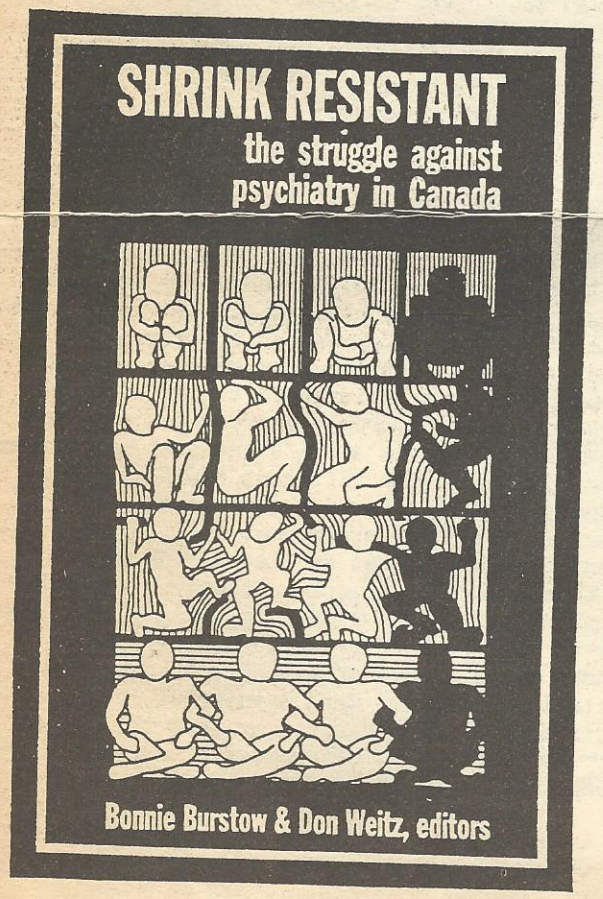
This is a problem that groups will always have to a greater or lesser degree. It's difficult to deal with. I guess it's safe to say that the larger the group, the more there will be the tendency for some to take the lead and others to step back and be spectators. This is a mirror of the mainstream society. Social relationships that we are trying to change.

We were open to new people coming and taking part in the project and decision making. But association was based on affinity with those people, not on the goal of increasing our numbers as much as possible.

I don't really want to go on theorizing about this. I just thought it worth a mention. The space closed down fairly quickly. But the idea is definately not dead.

If we could find a cheap/free, large, accessible space(keep dreaming) we'd probably try it again. We learned alot about ourselves and working/playing with others in those several months. We're all wiser for it.

Also, I wanted to thank everyone for their generous material, financial and emotional support. And if anybody knows or hears of a space, maybe they could write to this paper.



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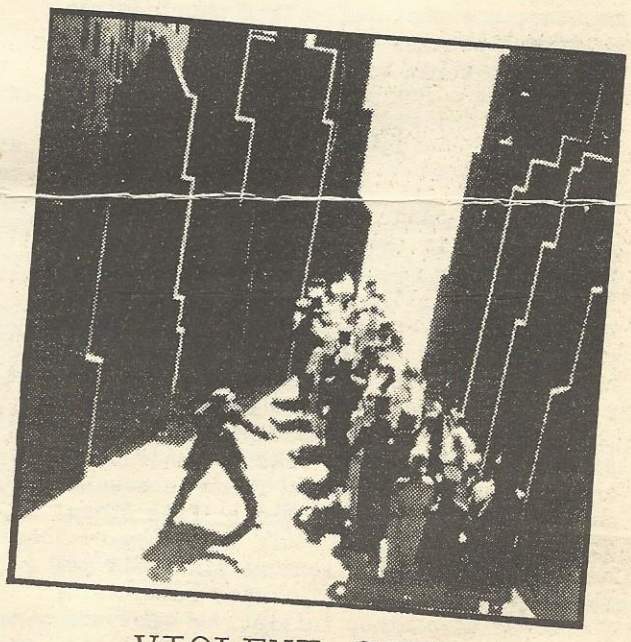


VIOLENT CITY

"Vancouver has had the highest crime rate of any large Canadian city for about 50 or 60 years, according to Simon Fraser Criminology professor Paul Brantingham. The city's port status, large immigrant population and disparities between rich and poor are amoung the factors he cites as contributing to crime. Statistics indicate that Vancouver registers 1,613 incidents of violent crime per 100,000 people."

source: Liason, Jan 89

AUTOCRACY

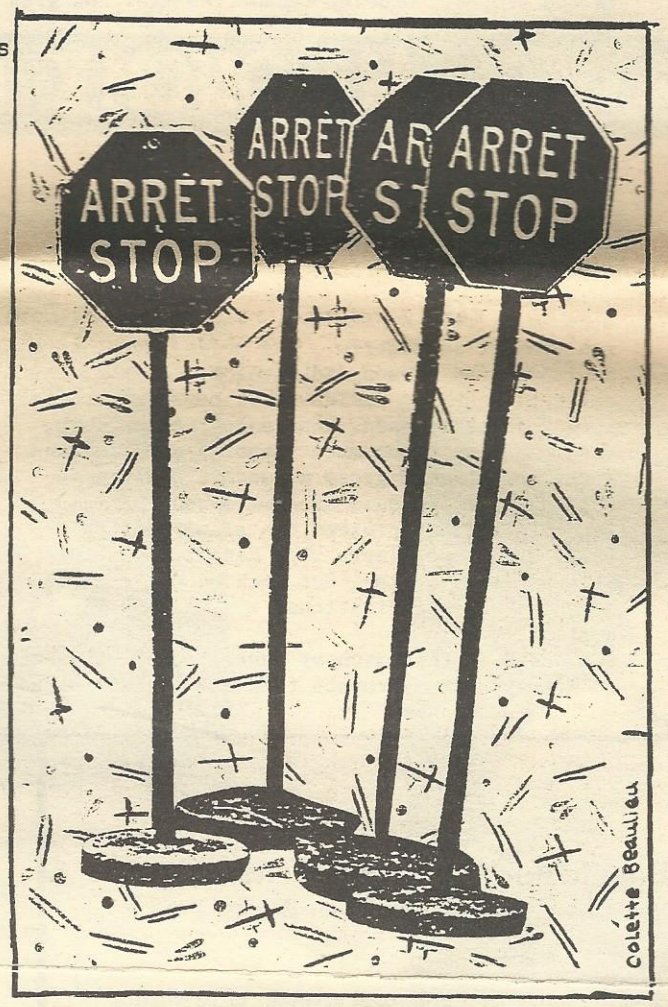
Macho Hunters?

Automobiles are a product of a specific type of hierarchical culture. They are one result of the values of western civilization of which an obvious characteristic is its patriarchal dictatorship. The parallels between men's treatment of their cars and their female lovers and the interchangeability of the vocabulary men use in relation to both 'possessions' is well known. Men ride cars and 'ride' women. They even call their cars 'she'. This is because men view women and cars not only as 'beautiful objects', but as objects which have a certain power that they enjoy controlling. Men have traditionally justified their domination of women by defining them as wild, chaotic, mysterious, etc. Thus, by virtue of their supposed lack of rationality, women need domestication, taming, control. This view is one of the central ideological tenets on which the patriarchy is based and seeks to justify itself. It is graphically expressed in the Christian religion, with its evil women myths and hatred and fear of the 'wilderness'. Ever since males began to organize and consolidate their domination of females, perhaps succeeding generations of males have lapped this oppressive shit up because they had so much to gain in terms of material possessions and because they were seduced by power. I believe this perception of women extends to everything outside the male ego/self and that it originates in our separation from nature, possibly through agriculture and religion. But that is not the issue here. What is interesting to me is that the automobile seems to have become a contrived representation of a similar type of 'wild power' that has been tamed, a kind of fake potential that is kept under control. It's as if the collective male psyche created a toy for itself that fit its model of the cosmos. A dangerous, wild machine that has been harnessed, a sort of permanent hunters' trophy to exhibit as proof of the superiority of the male, an artificial creature that is kept on display as a warning that we (men) are the most cunning and strong of all. We are at the helm of a metal beast posessing hundreds of 'horse'power, as if to reassure ourselves (white, western,males), and to convince others, that we are indeed awesome. The car is, in many ways, a pretend monster, one that reflects a patricentric cultures' obsession with subduing and dominating the world around it.

Home

For the past six months I've lived on a small island in the gulf between Vancouver Island and the mainland of British Columbia. There are about 850 people who live here during the winter and almost four times that many during the summer. Many people here find their home unique. They like to think of it as a community, and there are several projects that testify to this description. More specifically, however, they like to describe it as an alternative community. There is a well organized recycling depot and a 'free store' where everyone brings stuff that they no longer need or want so that someone else will get a chance to use it. Really quite remarkable. There are also other initiatives that are aimed at promoting skill sharing and mutual aid, as well as a fairly develloped'informal economy'. All in all though, the combined influences of New Ageism and Christianity have neutralized a lot of the effort that might have posed a real threat to the status quo.(These ideologies are both blind to socio-economic causes of our misery.) There is, however, still a basic aspiration of achieving community control over their lives and environment among many islanders. It is this basic desire, and the extent to which it will avoid being recuperated or negated by religion and liberal, authoritarian leftist or even conservative ideologies, that I am interested in encouraging.

One of the most promising devellopments in terms of subversive potential has been the recent suggestion of reducing our car dependency. The idea seems to have originated partly as a strategy to help the island maintain its uniqueness in face of increasing numbers of tourists and visitors who converge on it during the summer. Many bring their urban consummerist lifestyle with them and are willing to pay for 'conveniences' and goodies. The island ends up with ice cream stands with Coke ads plastered all over them and even police.(There had never been police here until two summers ago when they were apparently invited to deal with increased traffic problems as a result of the extra summer residents. What it will mean is the increased criminalization of island traditions like a healthy tolerance of nudity on the beaches, etc.) More cars also means more dead deer, accidents, danger for children, speeding(urban folks tend to have internalized rigid schedules more than rural



folk), more noise and pollution and of course the need for parking lots where there were once trees or a peaceful meadow. One way visitors could respect local lifestyles more, it was suggested, would be to expect them to walk, cycle or use an alternative transportation system that we could set up. Someone circulated a 'poll' asking whether we would like to implement some type of system that would help us to reduce our dependency on cars, possibly by abolishing them from the island! The respondents' hostility was as dissapointing as their apparent conformity. "This is the twentieth century, dough brain." was a typical response and it about sums up the majority view. There were, however, only about 56 people who answered, and 6 of them were in favor. There were also a few of us who didn't receive a copy of the poll who would like to see cars abolished not only from our neighborhoods but from the face of the planet. As someone commented: " The first response was negative, but the seed's been planted."

Metal Armor

And yet the auto is more than a toy that the collective male ego has created in a subconscious desire to flatter itself, or an example of an urge to dominate and control. In a society in which suspicion and competition have replaced trust, allowing ourselves to be vulnerable is considered strategically stupid. And so we build walls, shields and armor to protect our selves, behind which nobody can reach us, nobody can hurt us. In this sense the automobile has become a metaphor for the emotional armor that that the patriarchy wraps around men. Driving my car, shielded by fifteen hundred pounds of steel, I appear and feel confident, impregnable, secure, safe. Yet I go nowhere: around and around in circles, a cog in a hyper-rationalized, mechanistic, tedious world. Furthermore, reflecting the almost complete disintegration of authentic community (which is most obvious in the extreme atomization of our existences) nowadays we almost always ride in our cars alone. An obnoxious radio announcer we don't even know and the unsatisfactory sounds of recorded music are our only company. Not only in the cities, but everywhere, travelling by automobile has become a solo activity. It is not only a question of the decadent waste and inefficiency this represents, but how well it illustrates the stark loneliness of living in contemporary western civilization.

Freedom and sensuality of movement negated

Our ancestors once lived, played and dreamed together. I believe that one of the reasons they consciously refused to keep large surplusses of food either through agriculture or the domestication of animals was because the trade-off simply wasn't worthwhile. The work (alienating, dreadful activity) this would require was weighed against the pleasure of living together in communities of leisure, celebration, ritual, sensuality, humor,etc., and pleasure always took precedence. Also their relationship to nature was such that they had no desire to conquer it. They simply viewed themselves as an actual part of it. The planet was not a threatening wilderness that, if tamed, would give them abundance, it was abundant as is, and they were part of that abundance and celebrated it.

Thus, the chosen lifestyle was that of gatherer-hunters who were essentially seminomadic. They usually travelled and wandered* together, moving on with the seasons within a particular geographical area that was familiar to them, but never fully 'known' in the modern sense, because they never dissected their environment into meaninglessness the way science does. And, although they may have travelled through the same valley before, for instance, each voyage was probably appreciated as a new experience. Perhaps a different path was chosen each time, one with different smells, sights, sounds, different herbs and roots and fungi to taste and experiment with, different bark and stones and leaves and moss to touch. Perhaps sometimes they even thought it was worth the risk of being hungry or tired for an extra day in order to explore and wander through another valley. In these respects their travels were meaningful, as were their simpler wanderings away from the temporary campsites, as individuals or smaller groups.

I have wished to share this description of travelling/wandering in order to contrast it with the so called 'leisure travelling' of today, which has been described as 'purely formal'. Sitting inside metal boxes, often alone, we experience the 'scenery' only with

THE TYRANNY OF CARS

our eyes, at a speed which blurs even this experience. Pseudo-travellers, we follow all the instructions: speed, direction, rest-stops,"scenic viewpoints", wonderlands... Everything is organized and chosen for us: the freedom to choose this paved highway or that one, Pepsi or Coke. It's all part of the sensory deprivation project of modern power. The ultimate aim is complete dehumanization: a society of robots and spectators so plugged into the Machine that we become reduced to mere components of it.

" a system that does not manufacture objects which we need but manufactures the need for objects "

Clearly the auto is more than a 1950's cultural icon (evoking memories of the first time at the wheel, wholesome drive-in movies with the family, the first sexual encounter, etc.). Nor is it a simple form of transportation, not the best, but the only one we have at the moment in a world in which such things are necessary, a sort of unrefined necessity. These perceptions are the result of an incredible public relations and advertising campaign propagated by a system that does mot manufacture objects which we need but manufactures the need for objects. The continuation of this system relies not only on our submission to it, but on our internalization of it. The present necessity of automobiles is the result of a deliberate strategy propagated by the monopolistic power of the automobile and petroleum industries, which cunningly influenced the organization of our cities (and consequently our daily lives) so that we would be forced to purchase this commodity. In fact the auto has become the cornerstone of the industrial economy. There are mines for the raw materials, factories to assemble them, roads, expressways, highways and bridges to drive them on, ferries to carry them and parking lots to leave them in. All this means that millions of people give their lives away to work just to produce or accomodate a machine that is destroying the planet and making a few men rich. It also means that some of us will spend an incredible amount of time working only to make enough money to buy a machine the primary function of which is to drive us to work!

A Traffic in Slaughter

Cars are more alive and are deadlier than had been anticipated. Each and every year millions of hectares of land around the planet are cleared, destroying or disrupting ecosystems, to accomodate this industrial plague, and millions of animals will be killed or injured on the worlds highways. Every year the lives of hundreds of thousands of humans are snuffed out in traffic accidents, millions more are maimed, amongst us those who work at producing them. All in all pretty grim carnage. And we are expected to accept this slaughter.

Automatons

To merely reform cars into safer, more efficient, more environmentally sane versions of the same thing would miss the point. This includes self-management schemes that would have us all shuttled about in worker-controled mass transit systems. As though the project for a libertarian community and mass society were not irreconcilably opposed. Cars are useful for transportation only within a capitalist, hierarchical social system. They rely on a specific organization of our lives in which 'work', 'leisure' and 'home' occupy three distinct geographical areas, because capital does not allow them to be unified. To confront the rule of capital is to confront the ideology of work and our atomized existences. Cars are deadly and they belong in a world of death. To imagine them as part of free, communitarian societies is to imagine those societies as mere replicas of the world we now live in.

The auto is just another prop in a hideous existential nightmare made real by thousands of years of law and order. Trapped inside these machines I feel not only like an extension of them, but also of the society that they in turn help to define. Which brings me back to that quiet island where some folks are discussing whether they should or shouldn't abolish cars. It seems that to the extent to which cars epitomize alienated, industrial, atomized, mass society, the question isn't whether we should or shouldn't, but when and how. My suggestion is that because cars are dependent on a society founded on power and domination, a sure way of ridding ourselves of them would be to rid ourselves of that society. In the meantime I'm optimistic about our capacity to come up with sane, creative alternatives, but have no illusions that even if we did, the real source of our problems would be solved. For a world without domination, including cars,

Amigo

(I can see it now. Grass and weeds and herbs reclaiming deserted streets. Trees and berry bushes gathering together to overcome the crumbling highways. The cities are more quiet...there are other sounds...birds, insects,wind...)

MARTIN FORAN: THE FIGHT CONTINUES

Over the Christmas and New Year period Martin staged a hunger strike that has now ended. In December last year Martin won his case against four prison officers from Walton Prison. They assaulted him whilst he was in the hospital wing at this prison in May 1986.

In May 1985 Martin was jailed for a robbery he didn't commit. Whilst in jail he complained of serious bowel disorders and pains. The prison authorities agreed to let him see a medical specialist, but moved him the day before the appointment. The same thing happened in another prison. Martin's health was clearly being ignored and he took a member of the prison staff hostage in desperation. After this incident he was placed in a punishmentcell for four weeks and after other prisoners complained of his conditions he was rushed to an outside hospital and given a colostomy operation - which showed that something was seriously wrong with him. Whilst recuperating from this operation Martin was attacked.

The case against the officers was finally heard in late December at Newport County Court.

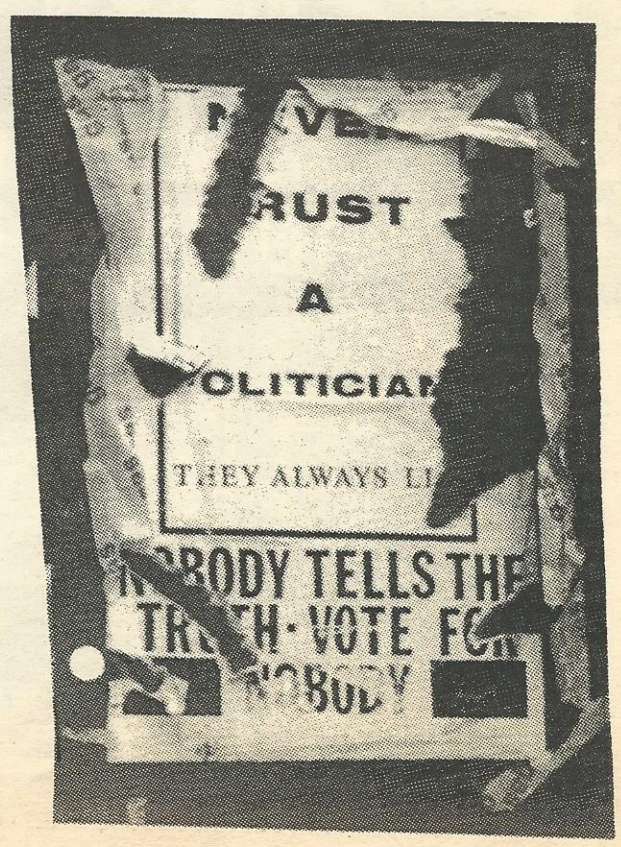
At first the case went bad for Martin, but he could produce photographs which were taken of his injuries just after the attack. Once in the witness stand the officers began to contradict themselves and give differing accounts of what had happened. The photos showing boot marks on Martin's back seemed to contradict their claim of the use of 'reasonable force'. Eventually the officers defence broke down and Martin's case was legally Subsantiated. Martin was awarded the minimal compensation of 750 Pounds.

The decision to bring criminal charges against the officers lies with the Dir. of Public Prosecutions, who have so far showed no inclination to do so. Going on their past record it is extremely unlikely that they will prosecute. Martin recently spent time locked up in his cell not allowed to associate with other prisoners and given no excercise rights, And only after much of a struggle has he been allowed to send these photos to his wife Valerie. It seems obvious that the authorities are trying to cover up the case that Martin has won.

A full documented case history that details fully all of the legal implications of Martin's case are availabe for 2 pounds plus postage to; Leeds Black Cross, Box JAG, 52 Call Lane, Leeds.,LS1 England

Recent news is that a lot of bands are getting together to put out a benefit compilation album in solidarity with Martin.

Write to Martin Foran: C51796,HMP FRANKLAND PO BOX 40, FRANKLAND-LOW-NEWTON, BRASSIDE, DURHAM, DH1 5XF

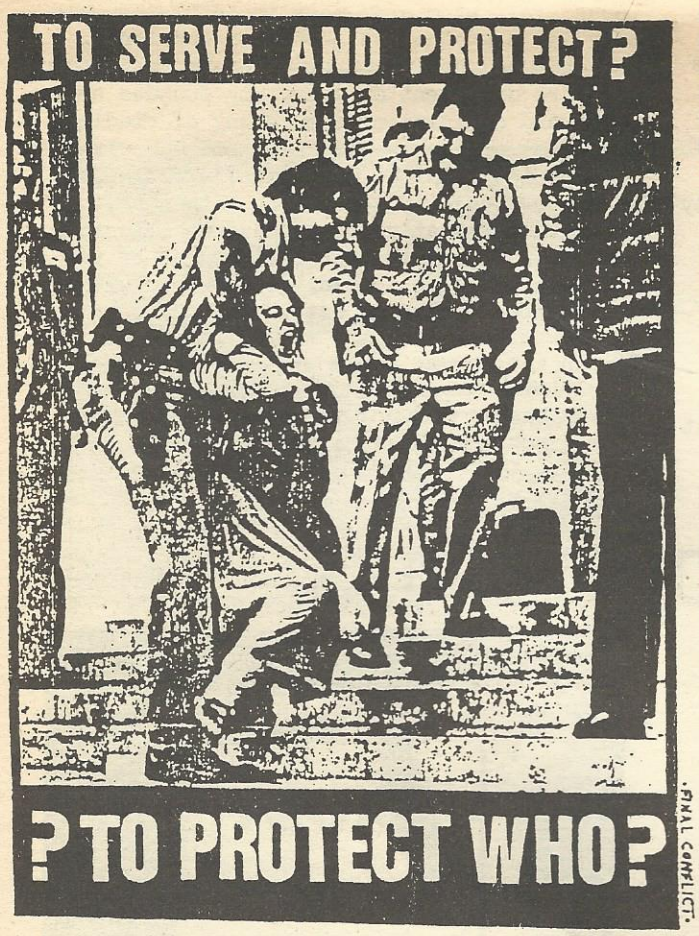


PRISON FOR WOMEN AN OUTRAGE

ANONYMOUS LETTRE FROM INSIDE P4W

In the last days of November '88, at the Prison For Women in Kingston, Ontario, began two weeks of turmoil that included a double stabbing, mass disciplinary transfers of prisoners to the segregation unit, severe self-mutilations and three attempted suicides. Another woman, already in seg three months, could take no more so she slashed and then hung herself on December 3rd when taken to the prison hospital.

Some outside prison watch groups are calling for a public inquiry into her death and an investigation of prison conditions(especially segregation that led to this). Five days after the attempted suicides in the segregation unit, Dr Thorn resigned from his position as chairman of the citizens advisory committee. Many prisoners said they couldn't remember any time in the prison's history as brutal and bloody and desperate as these weeks. Women locked themselves in their cells in support of the sisters in segregation and did all they could to break the impasse. Despair ruled. It was a crisis situation. Both prisoners and security staff say that there is a power struggle happening between security and the warden's office. Tensions are created which are used by the guards as the grounds for justifying increased regulations and control. The tensions exploded again on New Year's Eve as the guards maliciously terminated the annual party. Another lockdown, for three days, and then 18 women were shipped down to the hole. A month of harsh confrontations, lockdowns and death finally brought all the media networks in for a tour of P4W. National TV had coverage of what it looks like to be behind bars and what the prisoners are trying to say about it. Following is an excerpt from a letter we recieved about life inside the eye of the storm. It was written anonymously from one of the sisters who got sent down in segregation.



Well, we started out the New Year in here with a lockdown. I'll give you some background. The night before New Year's Eve the screws found two brews, one on each range. They didn't mention this to us. They proceeded to let people get the gym ready for the New Year's Dance. The Prisoner's Committee had paid for sandwiches, etc, from the kitchen. At ten to six, the screws watched as women blow dried their hair, put on their make-up and paraded around getting ready for the dance, then told us the dance was cancelled because of the brew that were found. A petty mind-fuck since they had known all day the dance was cancelled. We said fuck that, we'll party till we poop anyway in our activity building. So we brought back a ghetto blaster and had a dance.

For 54 years we have been allowed to stay up till midnight on New Year's Eve instead of our usual 11 PM, but this New Year's the administration said our range had to be locked up at 11 PM; but the wing could stay up. Around 18 out of fifty of us refused to go to our cells at 11 PM and told the screws we'd go peacefully into our cells at midnight as usual. Fine they said, with knowing smirks on their faces. About forty minutes later a booted screw with a dog came running into the range and booted our cell doors shut. When we saw that dog coming we bolted into our cells like lightening.

Our acts of disobedience seemed minor to us but we have been locked-down since. During the lockdown they continue to play games. Like giving showers this morning to only those who aren't "verbally abusive," not giving vegetarians their meals and countless other aggravations.

One woman flipped out last night because she didn't get a vegetarian dinner which she normally does and is medically prescribed. She busted up her own TV and every other breakable item in her cell. Throughout the day women were seriously considering whipping their own shit and piss at the screws. Alot of straight people think a person must be insane to be throwing her own piss and shit at another human being but just 48 hours into this lockdown and it seems very sane to me and in fact, takes alot of self control to not do it. When you're locked in your cell with a tremendous buildup of your anger, there are very few ways of expressing your anger. Self-mutilation smashing up your own belongings, swearing or throwing things at the screws are a few options besides hunger-striking and writing letters to the authorities. People have already sent countless letters to MPs, E Fry, various civil libertarians, lawyers, etc, and the outcome of this makes you feel like it'd be more useful to talk to the wall. Hunger strikes only give the admin the satisfaction of seeing us suffer. The press has covered our last self imposed lockdown and hunger-strike and the general concensus of the press is that we are being treated too leniently. After awhile we want immediate satisfaction - the satisfaction of seeing the screws squirm - make them suffer like we are.

The administration describe events to make us seem insane. Women are throwing their own feces and destroying their own property because they are locked down for 48 hours. They say we wouldn't have been locked down if we had gone into our cells at 11 PM like we were supposed to. But a thousand times in a hundred days, they take away little freedoms, inflict mind-fucks and petty harassments until one day the camel's back breaks and all hell breaks loose with it. No missed dinner could unleash such a fury,such a chain of anger that self-mutilation and death seem to be the only way of coping with or dealwith the fury. First the TV gets smashed, then all the belongings. By then the anger has really kicked in and a "fuck-it-all" attitude ensues: slashing, screaming and not giving a fuck whether you live or die.

Sometimes when I sit back and in my mind's eye see us living in these cages, our lives totally controlled by sadists, I think we should implore the Humane Society to lobby for us to have at least the same rights as animals. Especially the women in seg who don't get out for days, who are refused blankets on cold days and nights, who sleep on the concrete floor in their own piss, are maced in the eyes with no water in their cells, who are left naked in a bare cell and are fed sandwiches without wrappings so they can't kill themselves. It's a sick institution that tortures a woman to the point of her wanting to seriously kill herself but then prevents her from dying. I guess I'm going on and on about this because we're locked down, Shaggie just hung herself, and another woman was just shipped to St. Thomas, a forensic mental hospital, after being in seg 18 days, naked, eating her own shit and throwing her piss everywhere, and now there's a young girl in a bare cell (no mattress or bed) in paper PJs and an asbestos blanket because she was trying to hang herself with plastic sandwich bags.

I'm not depressed really - just felt like getting this down.

Take care. Good-bye for now.

The slogan reads,
"There is no liberation of women without revolution; and there is no revolution without the liberation of women."

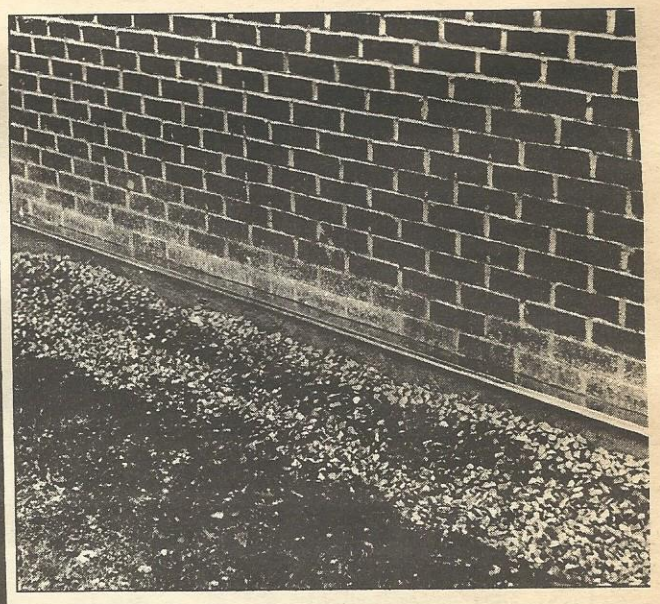
GAIL HORII TRANSFER

Gail Horii, a prisoner at Kingston P4W, has finally won her appeal to be transferred back to B.C. to serve out her sentence near her family. Horii, a prison activist, has been fighting for 2 ½ years to be returned to BC, and has already lost eight appeals of her sentence location.

Until now, most federal women prisoners serving sentences longer than two years were destined to serve out their time at P4W, far away from family, friends and support networks. Horii's transfer has been announced as part of a 'interregional movement of prisoners', a change in federal policy that will see some federal women prisoners transferred to provincial institutions near their homes.

The announcement that Gail Horii would be transferred came after a 14-day hungerstrike by Horii to protest her continued incarceration at P4W. She also sought to bring attention to the horrifying conditions for all women there.

Suicide attempts and slashings by women at the prison has increased dramatically over the past year, and the call for a shutdown of P4W is spreading from prisoners and prison abolitionists to citizens advocacy groups.
One recently formed group has been holding regular vigils at P4W to show solidarity with the prisoners, and to put pressure on those who allow such archaic institutions to exist.



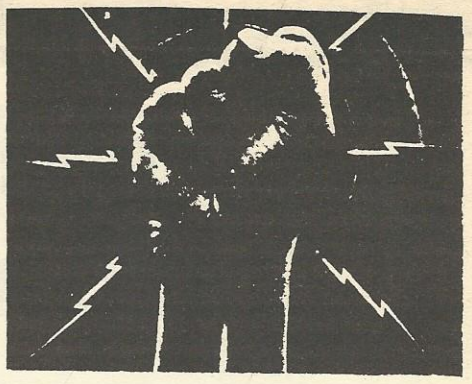
VICTORY AT PURDY

In the last issue of No Picnic we covered some of the blatant abuses occurring at the Washington State Correctional Centre for Women in Purdy WA. in the United States. (see No Picnic Pg 23 Fall 88

News has it that there have been a few serious victories won there recently. The warden got fired and they changed almost all the policies that prisoners were complaining about. They have gotten rid of Phase Levels -(a behavior modification / mind control technique) They now only have a 30 hour work week rather than the gruelling 40 hours that was instituted before and a number of other changes have occurred. As one person who has been active in the fight against the disgusting policies that had become the order of the day at WCCW Purdy put it: " Still a few things to work on , and of course even with the changes it's still a prison ...but at least we've moved some things". For more information on the fight for justice in Washington State prisons contact : WPFSG, P.O.Box 28227, Seattle WA. 98118 U.S.A.

ARRESTED ANARCHIST GETS FIVE YEARS

' RAPISTS AND CHILD KILLERS GET LOWER SENTENCES THAN THIS!'



The CCC (fighting Communist Cells) and FRAP (Proletarian Action Revolutionary Front) joint trial has just ended, with an incredible sentencing: life imprisonment for all four CCC defendants, and 5 years imprisonment for the two so called members of FRAP. One of these is the Belgian Anarchist Chantal Paternostre. In 1985 the CCC carried out a series of bombing attacks against targets such as NATO and weapons manufacturing plants. They caused considerable damage to these targets and there were no human victims until two firefighters were killed by accident. The FRAP carried out two similar attacks on similar targets. At the trial 'exceptional safety precautions' were taken. The 6 defendants were held in a 6cm thick armoured glass cage. This was used to create an atmosphere of terror, and to make this a big show trial, to sway the jury and public opinion onto the States side. Intimidation was exerted on the audience as well, through humiliating body searches and never ending identity checks. Furthermore, combining the CCC and supposed FRAP members in a joint trial, 'the terrorism trial!' could only be, by assimilationa way for the State to build a strong bias against defendants Chantall and Van Acker the two supposed FRAP members, whos charges were much less significant. Especially Chantall who was pleading not guilty.

Associating Chantal with the CCC was the only way that the State could bring her before the Assize Court, in which she wont be able to appeal her sentence. The lame 'evidence' that was used in court to convict Chantal, included a draft of a communique and fingerprints on a cup that investigators supposedly found in a flat where Chantal says she had never been in her life. The draft of the communique was actually a parody for her radio show. Other trumped up evidence was also presented by state prosecutors.

This so called evidence doesn't prove anything at all. The evidence is so poor that normally Chantall would have been aquitted, moreover this is what was expected.

The fact though is that Chantall is an anarchist and dares to admit so. They had to muzzle her to make it so she can no longer her ideas, which the Belgian authorities see as dangerous, cause they question their position of Power over others.

This 5 year sentence is an indication of how far the state will go in repressing anarchist militants. A lot of bullshit took place in the sentencing of the four CCC members as well. All four were sentenced to life imprisonment for their association in the deathsof the two firefighters. One of the CCC members charged did not join the group until after the tragedy, an odd sense of justice in itself. But what is even more warped is the fact that the 'accident' was intentionally induced by the cops to discredit the CCC who until then were recieving just a bit to much sympathy on their side. The cops knew about this bombing attack, but neglected to mention this to the firefighters who believed it to be a car fire and as such took no special precautions. The cops never bothered clearing the streets either, though the CCC had asked for this in their communique. "Rapists and childkillers get lower sentences than this"(Nabate) The so called'popular' jury did nothing but espouse the revenge wish of the Belgian ruling class. From the big bosses to the state protection police, to NATO. All that bullshit just shows that justice only exists to serve Power and the rich, to protect the system that's in the hands of those who seek to control us and rule the world.

We must do something and not forget that we may be the next victims of repression.

The Vancouver Anarchist Black Cross suggests that people should take their protests against this injustice and in solidarity with Chantal to the nearest Belgian Consulate in your area.

(info source:Nabate, a Belgian Zine)

Meanwhile Chantal is doing 5 years in the slammer, though all she's done is voice her rebellion. She cannot lodge an appeal though she may try to have the judgement annuled because of the abnormal conditions in the trial. Chantal needs to be cheered up. You can write her with letters of solidarity and encouragement:

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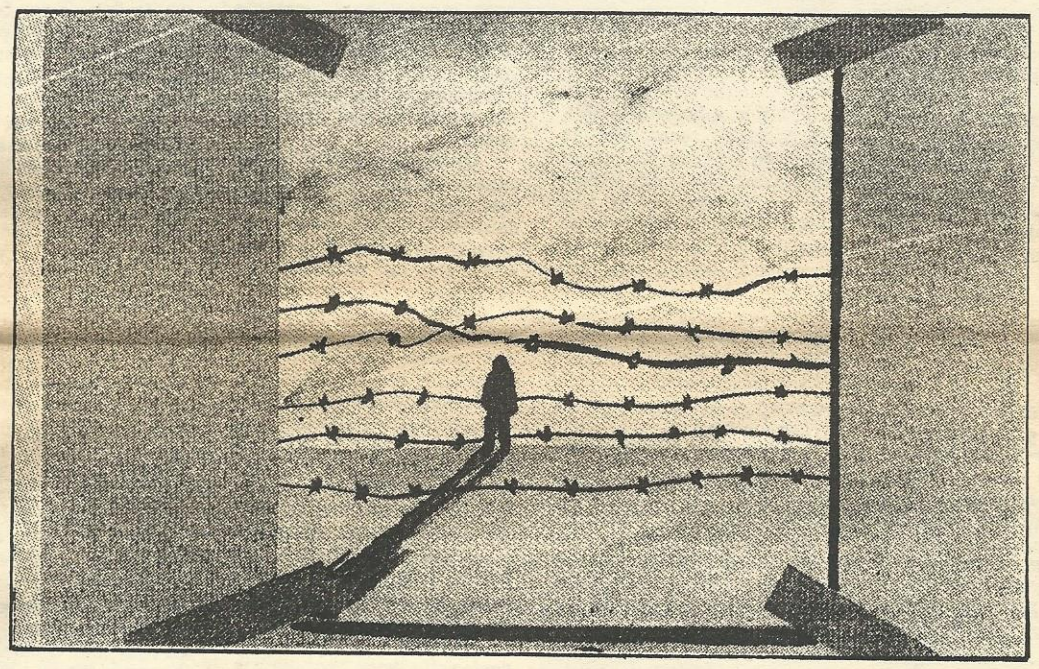

P4W

Suspicion has surfaced over the death of Marlene Moore, a prisoner of the Prison for Women in Kingston, Ontario. Last December, Moore was found strangled by a sheet in a locked hospital ward of the prison. While most agree that Moore's death was a suicide, there is a lot of room for doubt.

Many are puzzled by the fact that Moore died by hanging, fearing it as she did. During the time Moore was in segregation, four serious suicide attempts were made by women in cells around her. She was particularly unnerved because three were by hanging. At that time, Moore had exspressed a dread of hanging; she said she found suffocation too terrifying to bear .

The police on the other hand, are said to be wondering about why the blood saturated bed on which Marlene Moore died was scrubbed, sheets changed and the floor mopped before they were called.

INQUEST

Prisoner solidarity groups throughout the country continue to call for an inquest into the oppressive circumstances surrounding her death, and the use of segregation at the Prison for Women in Kingston.

Segregation, otherwise known as isolation, is vigorously imposed on inmates who protest prison conditions. Prior to her transfer to the hospital ward and subsequent death, Moore had been serving a three-month stint in segregation. During this period, she slashed herself repeatedly and threw cups of her blood and urine at guards. The prison authorities' response was to fasten a plastic shield in front of her cell.

As usual,the prison bureaucracy is now engaged in a pre-inquest ritual of rationalizing it's errors. While the authorities work on damage control, another element hopes the inquest will blow Kingston Penitentiary for Women out of the water.

Stark Raven (various sources)

LINDA COUCH UPDATE

The Vancouver Anarchist Black Cross recently heard back from imprisoned mother Linda Couch, she says not a whole lot has changed in her situation, but she would really appreciate it if people on the outside would write to her judge and ask that he reduce Lindas sentence. (see last issue of NoPicnic, 'Appeal of an imprisoned Mother', Fall 88 for more info.) The address to write is:

Judge Simon Leis Jr., Hamilton Co. Court
420 Court and Main, Cincinatti, Ohio 45202
Letters of solidarity: Linda Couch, 17943
J.G., 1479 Collins Ave. Marysville Ohio USA
43040

Entrenched social catastrophe

by Fran Sugar

Native people lead the KKKountry in statistical categories such as unemployment, alchoholism, early death rates from infant mortality, violence and criminally-related activities. According to a recent study by Trent University of the Dangerous Offenders Act (Bills C-67 and C-68), native people in the Criminal Justice Cystem are more likely to be gated under this Bill, and therefore are deemed the most dangerous and most violent offenders in Canada.

Native women face double, triple and quadruple standards when entering the prison cystem. Number 1: we are women; number 2: we are native; Number 3: we are poor; Number 4: we do not usually possess the education necessarily equivalent to the status quo.

Profile:

Ms. Cree is eighteen years old, a single parent with two children. She lives in the city of ---- where the offence took place. She was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 4 years. Her parents are deceased. She has two sisters and two brothers. Ms. Cree was a housewife whose sole income was social assistance.

Ms. Cree entered the institution with a Grade 4 level of education. She quit school due to problems in her foster home. Ms. Cree has not been involved in an education upgrading program. She has been offered a job cleaning yet has refused this placement because she feels the school supervisor does not treat her or other native students properly. As a result she will not work anywhere in the institution.

Ms. Cree was first arrested at age 16 for uttering and forging documents. She was put on one year's probation which she completed successfully. The subject displays no responsibility for her criminal involvement. The subject clearly has a drug and alcohol problem. Her institutional participation is limited to Native Sisterhood.

The writer strongly suggests that Ms. Cree remain a maximum security inmate. The writer is not in support of community release at this time. Day Parole is denied. Full Parole is denied. Escorted temporary absence denied for one year. Ms. Cree was involved with a would-be serious incident with a number of her friends on May 1, 19-- when security staff were proceeding to dispel an incident in another part of the building. As a result of Ms. Cree not being able to remain charge free for any length of time, her cavalier attitude, her activities and friendships with many known drug dealers in the institution, it is the writer's opinion that Ms. Cree meets #2 and #3 criteria under Bills C-67 and 68.

Ms.Cree is a danger to society, to herself and the staff members of the insitution. Ms. Cree is being referred under Bills C-67-68. Ms. Cree's sentence expires January, 199-. Next Case Management Review scheduled December, 198-.

This is a fictional profile, but it closely resembles the perceived reality on the part of the bureaucracy which assess the Native Woman as she enters prison. Those who assess us come from an opposite life-experience. The average case management person is caucasian, married, has 1-2 children, a university degree, is from an upper-middle-class background with no comparable experiences to a Native woman.

Obviously there are going to be some very profound difficulties that the Native woman will have in making adjustments within the institution in serving out her sentence. Almost every Sister I have talked to has told me they were raised in foster homes, sent to juvenile detention centres, were victims of sexual abuse, were victims of rape. And finally entering prison for women, we have all become victims of bureaucracy because we do not have the right colour of skin, the right kind of education, the right kind of social skills and the right kind of principles to get out of here.

Most often criminal defence lawyers in conjunction with crown prosecutors and judges agree that a guilty plea with a lengthy sentence will correct past lifestyles, our way of thinking, and make us into law-abiding "cityzens". It is an absurd joke to think that the criminal Just-Us Cystem with its residential care, treatment, programming, counselling and mental health programs are specifically designed programs to meet the needs of Native women when we have never had an equal footing in the case management strategic planning sessions that take place. The bureaucracy and paper pushing outweigh the importance of listening to what the Native woman says she needs.

Usually the woman in the cage is too busy surviving the new rules, new regulations of daily life in La-la land to even consider what the future holds after she is finished her sentence.

When we come to prison, we need to adjust to greater and greater violence in our lives. We adjust to increasingly deadly conditions, and come to accept them as "natural." We adjust to having freedoms stolen away from us, to having fewer and fewer choices, less and less voice in the decisions that affect our lives. We come to believe that making $4.20 a day and the things we can buy with it are the most important life goals.

We have adjusted to deafening silence because it is now mandatory to wear headphones. We have adjusted to the deafening noises and screams coming from segregation when our Sister has just been stripped of her clothes and maced in the face. We have adjusted to the deadening entertainment of bingo games that give out prized bags of Taco chips and we hear glees of happiness at this score because some pathetic individual hasn't tasted Taco chips since 1979. We have adjusted to dreaming of our futures.

We have adjusted to the lack of conversation because some days there is absolutely nothing of significance or meaning to a few cheap words.

We have adjusted to dreaming of our futures. We have adjusted to divorcing ourselves from relationships with our husbands. We keep adapting to new and ever more dangerous conditions and ideas in the name of survival.

We forget how life once was, how blue the sky is, how good food tasted. We forget because the changes are gradual and unannounced. No one can forewarn us of what lies ahead. If we could imagine ourselves taking pleasure in a slave job like cleaning floors over and over again, day after day, year after year, and see ourselves as fanatical psychos when our freshly waxed floor gets a scratch on it and ruins our entire day, we would recoil with horror and shame because our minds and values become as twisted and irrational as the ones that impose these conditions upon our lives.

We become so numb from the incredible b/sh we are exposed to: trying to see a case management officer to get a call to our children is a major, major event. It is no wonder that so many of us cut our throats, lacerate our bodies, hang ourselves. It is no wonder that we need to identify our pain onto our physical bodies because our whole lives have been filled with incredible pain and traumatizing experiences - psychic pain, physical pain, spiritual pain.

When you ask a Native Woman why she was placed in a foster home she'll likely tell you it was because Childrens' "Aid" arrested her because her parents didn't send her to school regularly. When you ask a Native women where she was sexually abused, she'll likely respond it took place in the foster homes. When you ask a Native woman why she finally killed somebody she'll tell you she was a battered wife and she lost control of her senses when she was taking another beating. She didn't mean to kill her husband, her lover, her friend, she was just so spun out after each licking she lived through - she just was so spun out.

I am your typical native woman and one who has survived the Criminal Just-us Cystem. When I think about the time in prisons, I often wonder how I maintained my sanity. I never conformed in my heart or in my mind but my body danced. I learned how to cope with lies. I believe justice does not exist for Native people. The battle of will is to see through the wall, to see through the screws and their power plays - their bureacratic games of power and pleasure.

I learned there is a certain degree of hypocrisy in the groups that represent women in prison. The money and efforts that go into "services" is a mere band-aid effort in conspiracy with the criminal Just-us Cystem. The money and efforts would be better directed at commuting the families of the incarcerated women to the prisons. The time that is spent on conducting study upon study is wasted time because statistics stay the same, the pain stays the same, the faces of the women change -- but the stories are identical.

I entered Prison for Women as a young, poorly educated, native women and ...I will soon be released with similar characteristics - but you can add another deficiency - after 7 years - I am now an ANGRY, young, poor, uneducated Native Woman!!!

Signed in the Blood of my sisters,
Ms. Cree XO

Fran Sugar is an inmate in the Prison for Women.

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FACTS ABOUT WOMEN

FACTS ABOUT WOMEN IN PRISON IN CANADA

- There are more than 8,000 women in prisons in Canada.
- In 1985, 60% of violent offenses by women were domestically related; the victim was usually a spouse or common law partner.
- There are at least 40 women serving life sentences (25 yrs) in the Federal Prison for Women (P4W) in Kingston (and more lifers in provincial jails).
- Approximately 15 women are serving life sentences under the Parties Act, which states in part that "anyone is guilty of murder who commits murder, does or omits to do anything for the purpose of aiding or abetting any person to commit murder OR anyone who knew or ought to have known that a murder would occur."
- Twice as many Native women serve time as Native men.
- The State spends $56,713 per year/per woman to lock women in cages at the federal pen. This is almost five times the average income of someone at the poverty line

Of women sentenced to the federal pen:
- about 60% are over 25 yrs of age
- 20% have served a prior federal prison term.
- 16% are Native women (although Native people are only3% of the canadian population).

Of women sentenced to provincial jails:
- 40% recieve less than 14 days
- 66% are sentenced to less than one month.
- over 80% are under the age of 25
- about 33% are under the age of 20
- 50% have been previously encarcerated.
- 40% are in for non-payment of fines.

IN PRISON IN CANA

Who goes where:

Canadian prisoners are categorized as either federal or provincial. Awoman who recieves a sentence of less than two years is considered a provincial prisoner and will probably go to a provincial jail. If her sentence is two years or more, she is a federal prisoner.

About 60% of women federal prisoners go to Canada's only federal prison for women in Kingston, Ontario P4W). Because of overcrowding at P4W, some women are allowed to serve their federal sentences in provincial jails. While this gives them the opportunity to stay near family and friends, they lose access to the greater range of programs and activities at P4W.

DA FACTS ABOUT WOM

Lakeside provincial jail:

Lakeside is located on the same grounds as Oakalla men's prison in Burnaby. It is intended to hold 65 women but in fact the count is sometimes as high as 90.

Lakeside is divided into five living units. Contact between women on different units is limited to group activities like gym time, bingo and addiction programs. There is also a separate structure built for female Doukhobor prisoners, which is fireproof.

The female anti-choice protests arrested for blockading Everywoman's Health Clinic are presently being held in the "Doukhobor Hut", seperate from the rest of the prison population.

Ongoing problems at Lakeside include:
- inadequate medical care
- unreasonable security; women have been denied escorted Temporary Absences, even for family emergencies.
- almost no programs, recreational or educational. No job training, no preparation for release.
- daily yard time (outside) sometimes denied because staff are unavailable.

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Twin Maples provincial jail:

Twin Maples is a 35 bed minimum security institution outside of Maple Ridge. Women who are considered low security risks are permitted to transfer to this more open setting from Lakeside.

NADA FACTS ABOUT W

Other women prisoners in BC

Gayle Hori. a federal prisoner, has finally gained a transfer to BC. She made several aplications to serve her sentence here, to be near her husband who is too ill to travel. All applications to move to Lakeside were denied. After her fourth hunger strike in protest, she gained her transfer to BC last month.
She is being held at Matsqui men's prison in a separate unit from the men, along with two Doukhobor women.

OMEN IN PRISON IN

Federal Prison for Women, Kingston, Ont, P4W

This 55 year old institution currently holds about 105 women from all parts of Canada. While there are more programs available at P4W than at provincial jails, the far more repressive environment takes it's toll.

The most recent death there was the suicide of Marlene Moore on Dec 3rd, '88. Moore had done more "seg time" (solitary confinement) than any other woman in Canada, (See letter from P4W this issue) according to other prisoners. Three days before her death Citizen's Advisory Committee chairman Barry thorne had resigned, expressing frustration with the failure of administrators to improve the "inhumane" conditions of the segregation unit.

More problems surfaced at the prison on New Year's Eve. A dance being held was cut short by the warden because homemade brew and a handmade weapon had been found the day before. When prisoners refused to return to their cells, a guard and dog from nearby Kingston (men's) penitentiary were called in to force them to do so. All 21 prisoner's on A range were then locked down for two and a half days.

CANADA FACTS ABOUT

New BC prison for women planned:

A new prison for women is scheduled to open in 1991 in Burnaby. This institution would replace Lakeside and Twin Maples. Federal women prisoners from BC would also be assigned there, but could request to do their time at P4W instead.

The BC Corrections Branch plans to divide the prison into maximum, medium and minimum security sections with virtually no contact between them.

Technology will be the byword at the new prison. A Corrections Branch publication says "State-of-the-art technology will place BC at the forefront of corrections science in North America."

This combination of less contact between prisoners and more technology will increase the alienation experienced by prisoners.

Plans for new and expanded programs at the prison are being used to avoid improving programs at Lakeside in the intervening two (or more) years.

Women interested in supporting Joint Effort's work to stop the new prison can contact us at the address below.

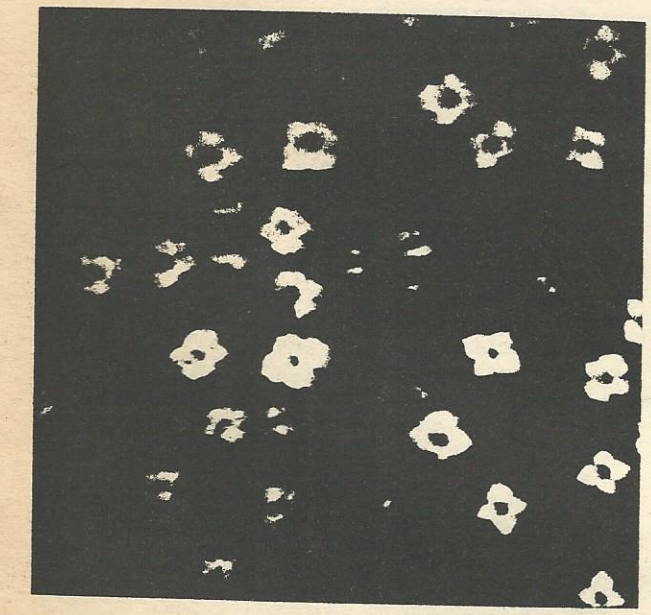
WOMEN IN PRISON I

Joint Effort - who we are:

Joint Effort is a group of women working against prisons. We hold a weekly discussion group at Lakeside provincial jail, and do what individual advocacy we can for women inside and getting out.

We try to raise awareness and support for prison issues in the outside women's community, and participate in campaigns around these issues.

We are an abolitionist group. This means we work towards abolishing the entire prison system. We see prison as a type of state violence and a means of social control. We consider women inside our sisters.



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WEST GERMAN FEMINISTS ON THE ATTACK

POLICE CREATE EVIDENCE TO CRIMINALIZE RESISTANCE

On the 7th of June 1988, the W German public prosecutor began proceedings against Ulla Pensellin and Ingrid Strobl who were arrested on the 18th of December 87. Ulla is suspected of participation in nine firebomb attacks by Rote Zora against the Adler company and in support of South Korean women in their fight against exploitation.

Adler, a W German fashion clothing manufacturer, exploits workers at their facory in S Korea by paying them 50 cents an hour. They also also impose srict time measuring to increase production, impose day/night shifts of 10 to 12 hours, 6 or 7 days a week. To improve their situation women are forced to have sexual relations with the German managers and foremen.

Ingrid is accused of the participation in a bomb attack against Lufthansa Airline agencies in Dec '86, which was to protest that company's participation in sex-tours to asiatic countries and the returning of political refugees back to their home countries.

Both were arrested under law 129a, which criminalizes members or friends of so-called terrorist groups. (see article "United Europe" for more) This new law allows conviction and punishment even when no clear proofs of guilt are available. So now we see the practice of cops constructing or acting out a crime to provide the legal basis for prosecution.

against genetic and reproduction technology

In both cases the public prosecutors have no proof at all. Ingrid is suspected of buying a clock which was used by Rote Zora in a bomb attack. Another 'proof' of her membership in RZ is that she was working for the journal Emma when an interview with RZ was published.

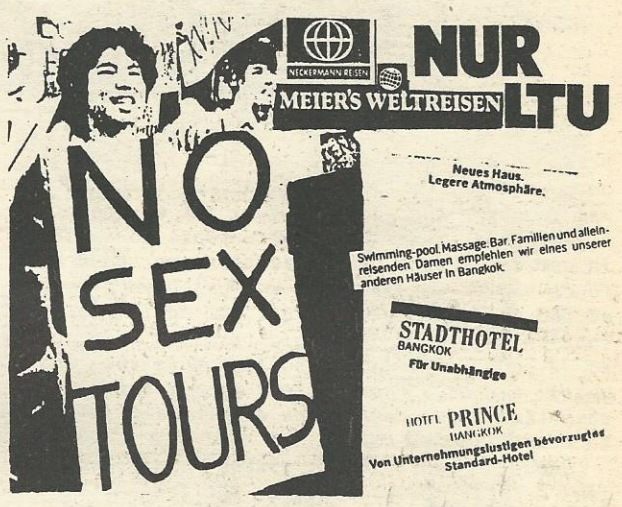
Ulla is suspected of being a member of a 'terrorist' group because she participated in an anti-genetic engineering research meeting which was attended by other women 'terrorist' suspects as well. So, one woman under suspicion (grounds for conviction under 129a) is used to put another under suspicion and vice-versa. Another bit of 'evidence' was that a closed box was brought to the meeting hall which the police claim to have contained political pamphlets of RZ. The third and final 'fact' was that they were discussing a probable attack issue.

The cops combine these three bits of 'evidence' to construct membership in a cell of the RZ. With constructions of this nature the cops create a crime to criminalize the political resistance. Intimidating, threatening and splitting political activists is their purpose.

Also this means that everyone who is active in political issues that are considered by state organs to be probable attack issues can easily be put into prison.

So they hope to shut our mouths up.

The Rote Zora is a radical militant female association that is fighting against imperialism and the patriarchy. They consider genetic research and population politics as essential tools for rule, for those who have the power. So they attack this radically.



Swimming pool, massage, bar. Families and women travelling alone will be referred to another hotel.

In the trial against Ingrid Strobl, it has been shown by the two main investigating police officers, how easy it is for everybody to be suspected as a terrorist. Surveillance of Ingrid began because she ordered the paper of the W German Irish Solidarity Committee. All people who ordered this paper were recorded.

When the cops found out that RZ used a special brand of clock for their bombs, they recorded the serial numbers of all the remaining stock. So they saw that Ingrid bought one and then began their investigation of her, using surveillance of her phone and her person. But she didn't do anything suspicious.

During the trial it became clear that the cops themselves weren't sure if she was a member or not. The argument of one of the investigators was that such a smart, intellectual person must be a member of a terrorist group, must write communiques and must be a leader.

The other investigator remembered observing a call between Ingrid and TAZ (Tageszeitung, mass circulation left-wing daily) editor, Oliver Tolmein, which contained probable attack issues such as refugee politics, Chile, etc.... Later on they found out what the call was about. It regarded a book review Ingrid had done of Simone de Beauvoir's Eye for an Eye.

People attending the court to observe the proceedings have their passports photocopied and are body-searched. Of 140 seats available, undercover cops fill 40 in order to control potential crowd unrest.

Ulla has been released from jail but her trial continues. The 'evidence' that kept her locked-up was that during a telephone conversation she spoke of "still meeting at the agreed time". This the cops said was evidence of illegal activity. For nine months Ulla refused to bow to this tactic and did not divulge the nature of the conversation. Finally she showed that the meeting in question was for a newspaper. This was easily proven and she was released.

The trial continues but what everyone can see is that the state is trying to execute a political enemy.

For more information on Ingrid, Ulla, actions against Adler, genetic engineering and refugee policies, see; Resistance #12, c/o Friends of Durrutti, PO Box 790, Station A, Vancouver, BC, V6C 2N6. See also the latest (date??) Overthrow.

♀ DIAMOND

ROCK AGAINST PRISONS

For the third year running, Rock Against Prisons is going ahead this summer at CRAB park on August the 13th. The gig coincides with National Prison Justice Day. Since 1976 prisoners and their supporters recognize August 10th as the day to commemorate all those who have died unnatural deaths in prison. It is the anniversary of the death of Eddie Nalon who died in Millhaven Maximum Security's Solitary Confinement.

Prisoners show solidarity on this day by going on a 24 hour work and hunger strike. Word is that the higher security joints like Kent and Matsqui have high participation.

A date has yet to be set for the cavalcade. Another way we show support for our brothers and sisters inside is by heading off in a pack of cars to 8 or 9 of the prisons in the Fraser Valley, where we get out and picket, passing leaflets to curious passers-by and prison visitors. In this way we let them know that they arn't forgotten in there.

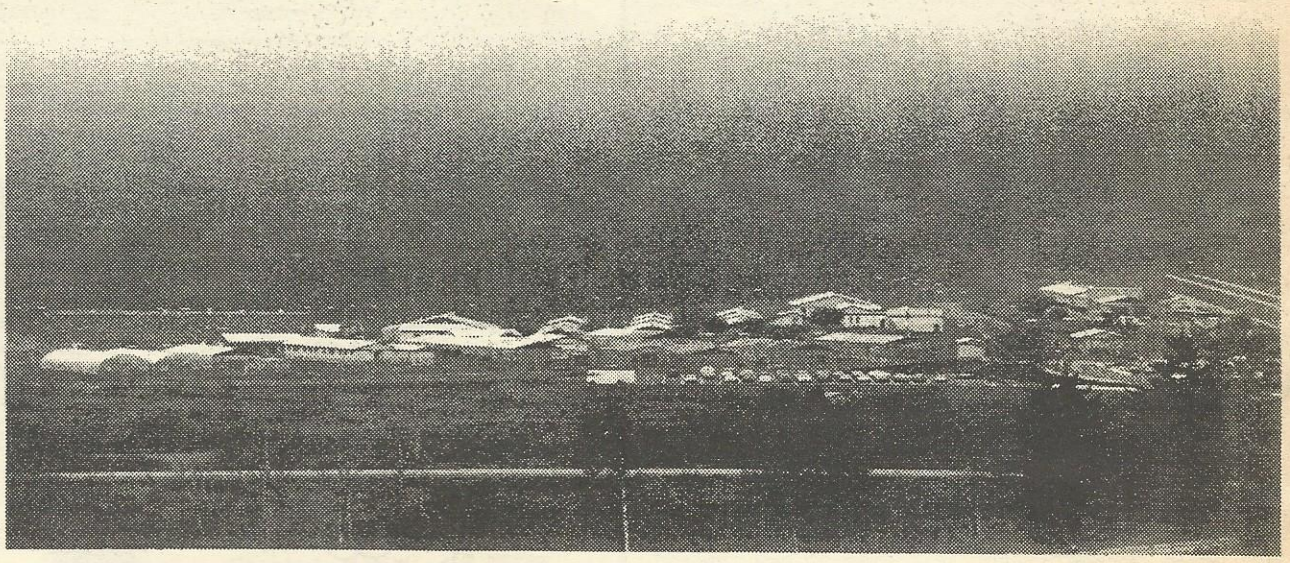
The only band booked so far is No Means No, but they alone guarantee a great day. Rumours are that this years show other forms of music and entertainment besides rock. For more info call 251-6069. See you there.

FULL PRISON

BC PRISONS; A GROWTH INDUSTRY

NP decided we wanted to do an article on the prison system here in BC. But the idea has kept on changing from the start. At first the idea was to cover the whole system, but we soon realized that it was too huge a topic to cover in one issue with our limitations on space and funds. So we then thought we just have a look at the federal system first, but again realized that to do a good job would take too much space. so we ended up deciding to introduce the 'industry' and have a brief look at several joints this time and continue the examination in issues to come (if they do).

Canada's penitentiary system is divided into two separate beauracracies, the federal and provincial. Other places where large numbers of people are locked-up are psychiatric institutions (prisons) and juvenile detention centres (prisons). Sometimes the latter two types of cages are part of the two main beauracracies, sometimes not. The numbers of these 'institutions' really boggles the mind. We couldn't even scratch the surface of it all so we will introduce the 'regular' prisons this time.(check out the rest of the prison section for more background.



Mountain prison near Agassiz BC

Prisons are big business in BC. The majority of them are located in the rural Lower Fraser Valley region to the east of Vancouver. This area is also popularly called the 'Bible Belt' of BC. It has spawned, amoung others, some of the most extremely reactionary (read fascistic) politicians of our brief his-story. It is no contradiction that it is also home to thousands of sadistic screws that make their 'daily bread' by policing these high-tech human warehouses. In fact it seems a perfect match. The two go together 'naturally'.

There are no specifically federal prisons for women in BC. The only one in Canada is in Kingston Ontario, the Prison For Women (P4W). Instead, Corrections Service Canada (CSC), has agreements with provincial authorities to cage numbers of women in provincial jails. See "Facts About Women in Prison in Canada", this issue for a more detailed look at the women's system.

The intent of this is to give some very basic information. It is hoped that what it will do is demystify the system somewhat and put the existence of these insults to humanity back into our reality; that being the place that the state has attempted to erase them from since the beginning.

Exact information is hard to come by. Unless you work for the straight media, the prisoncrats won't go out of their way to help you. I'm sure they'd rather offer me someplace to stay.... Most of the basic information came from the CSC booklet,"Programs and Facilities: Pacific Region," February 1987. This government publication is full of doublespeak. Never are the words penitentiary, prison or prisoner mentioned. Instead we get 'institution', 'inmates'and 'patients'(Regional Psychiatric centre). So we have 'inmates' in an 'institution' with 'accom odation' in 'living units' that 'share''common rooms' for 'leisure time activities'. The state also 'provides' a "wide range of programs". It almost sounds friendly!

Oh yeah, one other thing. Prisons have ratings as to the security restictions and control. These are called 'levels' and they number 2 (Ferndale) thru 6 (Kent). Sometimes they are multi-level like Matsqui which is a 5/6 rating.

Not having ever been locked up myself, I'll not attempt to describe what 'life' inside is like. Beyond the basic information I've included the words of those that have been/are there themselves.

So these are a few of their 'institutions'.

Prison Voltage

It is a closed circuit:
our time
their hallways —
the electricity
charges from breaker to capacitor
and back
invisible in the wiring.
Our lightbulb heads glow
with hate.

John Abbott, Matsqui Prison

MISSION PRISON

Mission Prison is medium security, level 4 with a capacity of 244 men. It is located about 70 km east of Vancouver in the Fraser Valley. It was opened in 1977. It has a projected budget for 1989 of $13,285,570.∞, which works out to about 54 thousand dollars to cage each man for a year. This cost does not include original construction costs or legal, judicial, probationary costs, etc, etc.

Mission, like a number of other prisons, has industrial shops that get 'private contracts' to pump out objects manufactured by slave labour. This 'company',CORCAN (Corrections Canada), makes much noise about "giving prisoners the opportunity to aquire work experience...". Room and board are deducted from wages earned, leaving men with about $5 a day.

KENT PENITENTIARY

Kent Penitentiary is maximum, level 6, located in Agassiz about 85 kilometres east of Vancouver. It opened in 1979 to replace the old BC Pen. Kent is one of the newest prisons of it's type in Canada. It was designed to handle a population of 240 men. Expansion has provided two additional 'living units' (tiers) totalling 188 new cells

RPC (Regional Psychiatric Centre)

RPC (Regional Psychiatric Centre) is a maximum security prison that holds 150 men that CSC considers to require 'therapeutic intervention'. Originally opened in 1966 as a drug 'treatment' centre for women, it was changed in 1972 to what they now call a 'psychiatric hospital'. Now the prisoners are called 'patients'. Most of them have been sent from other prisons in the system, others are sent by the judiciary.

It is located on the Matsqui prison complex, 80 km east of Vancouver in the suburban community of Abbotsford.

MATSQUI PRISON

Matsqui Prison is high/medium security levels 5/6. It is located 80 km east of Vancouver in Abbotsford. It opened in 1966 as a 'drug dependency treatment centre' for federal prisoners. In the early '70s it was changed to it's current role. It's maximum capacity is 416 men. It includes a regional health care section for disabled or long term care prisoners.

First Visit to Kent Prison

But for the twenty foot chain-link fence
and the scrolls of razor wire serpenting
its perimeter, you'd think its low-slung
sprawl, its rustic brick more suburban
ranch, more prep school than prison.

Remove the squat towers
and the lonely lane where searchlights
rifle down like desolation's rat
and you might be stepping back,
clean-cut, into a highschool photograph.

The huge hills shrug their shoulders
indifferently enough, and the guards
wear uniform brown.

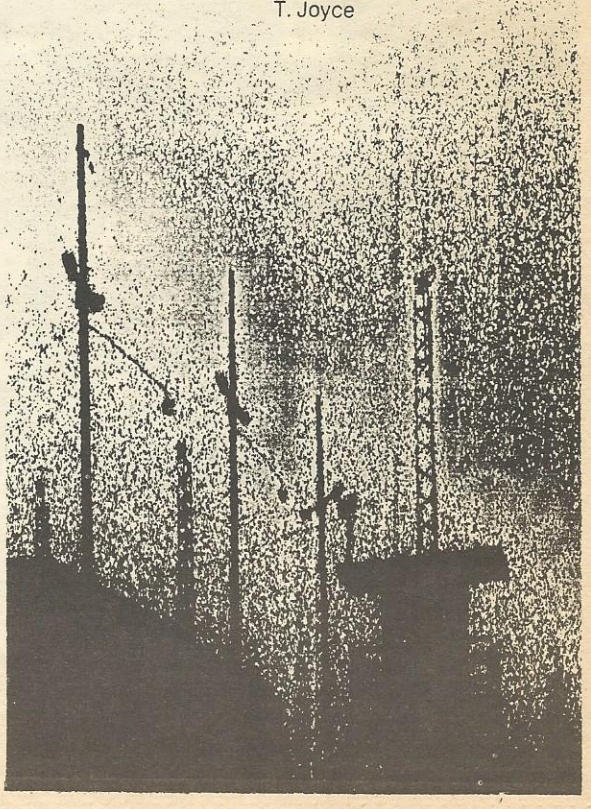
After the X-ray machine, after the searches
and the one toothed snap in the gut
of the orange door, after you've weighed
horror and indifference but neither wins
set by set with steady shunting hum
the rafts of pastel bars open to take you in

and down into the courtyard where
your shoe drops like lead on a rusty blot
where two waltzed so clumsily one fell
into the other's arms and, bloody, sank
to a darkness you cannot dispel

quickly enough to walk on, your knees
dragging up night through concrete.

Later, when you can dream
of men, a child, stick in hand
will pass the rusted palings
of a rotten fence that bangs
like dry board on an iron wheel
and you will pause again
in darkness, behind bars, to feel
two hundred beating hearts.

Sept. 18, 1982
T. Joyce



EFFICIENT PRISON

BC PRISONS; A GROWTH INDUSTRY

Timeburn

All prisoners' faces take on an aspect from time to time that expresses the naked dawn shriek that is the lives of men.

In summer, daylight lingered long enough that in the evening the prisoners could roam the open yards with their frontiers of chainlink and razor wire. By the end of November, the descent of dusk at four o'clock hobbled this universe. The yards closed just before sundown, so deep winter constricted the prisoners' cosmos to the three floored building where they slept, a covered walkway, the dining area and a workplace. Though the prison was only twenty years old, the maybe hundred yards of walkway from the sleeping quarters to the dining area and the hundred yards beyond that led to the workplace was imbued with a kind of antiquity: it was ancient with the numberless steps of thousands of men serving tens of thousands of years.

To get to the workplace the prisoners had to pass a checkpoint. In the arcana of the prison's nomenclature this was called the M-9 gate. On weekdays after lunch it opened at twelve thirty. The guards who manned the gate permitted no passage before this time, although as with all prison rules, imprecision was the only constant. Some days prisoners passed through the gate early, and some days, for no discernible reason, the workplace closed and they did not pass at all.

Jim knew it was close to the appointed hour as he approached the gate. As it was unlocked, he opened it and passed through. From the guard's booth a squat red-faced man emerged and moved briskly to meet him. The guard wore his peaked hat low on his forehead and in his eye the taper of humanity guttered in the wind of monolithic regulation.

"Get back. No passage til twelve thirty."

Newly acquired instinct turned Jim around and pushed him obediently back through the gate. He closed the gate behind himself and swung around to face the guard.

"What time is it now?"

The guard's eyes focused and unfocused, then braked to a halt on the bridge of Jim's nose. Biting down, the guard seemed to consider fleetingly the logistics of turning his watch hand up towards his face. His gaze shifted and met Jim's directly. Then, as carefully placed as a prizefighter's right cross he said, "Time you got a watch, isn't it?"

Jim felt the skin twitch on his left cheek. Possibly he hoped to turn the verbal sortie back or perhaps the meaness of someone who literally witholds the time of day stunned him. Stupidly, he attempted levity: "If you paid us better around here, maybe I could afford a watch."

"Get paid far too much as it is. Up to me you'd get paid a lot less."

The guard's intent was now undeniable. Curses bubbled hot into Jim's mouth and rage grabbed at his throat. He choked back his anger and the profanity. He paced and seethed. And waited: a couple of minutes later, at twelve-thirty, the gate opened.

For the better part of an hour rage consumed him, biting at him hard, then subsided to a dull gnawing. Despite his efforts to instruct himself, it wheedled and nagged at him, jumping up at him throughout the afternoon and into the evening. The word "endure" came to him and he leapt on it and made it his own.

He began to understand the aspect of the prisoners that expressed that dawn shriek. He knew what started the physical process that settled that look upon their faces: stuttering rage, that once expressed would mean extinction.

Later, when it began to seep back into him, he felt an unusual elasticity in his cheeks and around his mouth. He grinned, vaguely aware of what was happening to him. It didn't feel anything like a grin. Then the skin began to settle and become fast. He shaved blind in the shower the next morning, afraid to look in the mirror.

John Wilcox, William Head Prison

An Interview with Larry Howett

by Eddie Rouse

Eddie Rouse: How long were you at the Regional Psychiatric Centre [RPC]?

Larry Howett: Ninety days. I went originally for a thirty day parole assessment. Then the staff suggested that a more in-depth evaluation would be beneficial. The carrot was that if I did a year in their program, I would be recommended for a minimum camp.

ER: What did the program entail?

LH: The first thirty day assessment involved very little contact with the staff. There are psychiatric nurses and security personnel at RPC. The psychiatric nurses each do a chart on you, spending two hours or so a week talking with you about progress. The first months in the Violent Offenders Program [VOP] was noteworthy because they did absolutely nothing. The assessment itself consisted of the better part of four weeks of silent, "Here you are" in the Nova Ward. Nova is like Induction and the VOP range is in the same unit. You are asked to write a biography of your life. There are three or four interviews with the nurses. Then they try to gauge whether or not you are anti-social by your behaviour, whether you associate with the other prisoners in the institution. Nova consists of sexual offenders, rats, and what not. There is no ironclad rule that you must talk to these people but if you don't, it indicates psychopathic and anti-social behaviour, which immediately goes into the assessment that the board eventually reads after thirty days.

Then you are told to get your own job. But you're excluded from certain jobs automatically because you come from the general population of other prisons. Very few RPC inmates come from the populations of other joints.

ER: Most of them are hiding?

LH: Most of them cannot get along in the population of other penitentiaries in the country. Guys that are just scared, child molesters, rapists, weaklings that cannot take a slap in the face for the things that they have done, end up in RPC. Most of them go into the Violent Offenders Program, only a few as sexual offenders. The instant I got to RPC I was looked at unfavourably because I came from population, and I was a drug addict. In the class system the nurses have set up at RPC that combination is rock bottom, worse than the child molester and the rapist. Even the psychologist who came out from the SHU [Special Handling Unit: a euphemism for the cells used to house Canada's really violent prisoners] was flabbergasted at the way the RPC Violent Offenders Program was being run. There were at most four guys who would actually be considered violent offenders there by his standards. The rest had all been scared and had found an easy way out.

I noticed that they had all their answers down pat to their problems. Many were veterans of Penetang (a forensic psychology center for the criminally insane in Ontario), and other RPCs and had their rap down so they could anticipate what the staff wanted to hear. A number of them had been going through this daily group therapy for several years: the same rehash, the same stories, the same moves. Just the faces changed every now and then.

The high point in group was when someone would break down completely and burst into tears. Ironically this showed "progress," and I use the word in quotes, because the staff thought it demonstrated remorse for the crime. The VOP is based on a system derived from a book called *The Criminal Personality*. Samenow and Yochelson were two of the major contributors. It is an overview of the criminal personality and is considered gospel by the RPC Violent Offender nurses.

Eventually I was called up before a board, ten days prior to my departure, and told, "You are doing fine, more than what we expected you to do. You haven't been involved in drugs or any problems." But they went on to explain that I was a threat to their hegemony over the other prisoners because people looked up to me; because I could ask the right questions and elicit the right responses.

But at another meeting after a scene at the Toastmaster's club where I split when a nurse started hassling me, about eight doctors and administrators started blazing questions at me. When I'd start to answer they'd cut me off with more questions. The gist was: You're taking valium illegally and smoking pot here. A friend of yours told us. I offered to take a urinalysis test and the head nurse, a real Queen of Hearts, barked, "See, he's refusing to take the test!" I said, "No, give me the bottle right now." She continued, "You heard him, he's refusing." First the sentence, then the trial. Next, the head doctor accused me of writing a book. Obviously it wasn't right that I should be writing a book. "You're always in your cell!" "No, I'm not," I replied. "Are you saying that my staff is lying?" "But I'm never in my cell. It's been brought up in group. It's been resolved." The end note was, "Well, we don't believe you! We don't think there is any real treatment for you here. We're thinking about transferring you but there will be nothing punitive involved." "Ya, but the act of transferring me without a positive recommendation is punitive itself." One of them explained that I had to lose friends, particularly Gary L. whom I've known for twelve years. Stop hanging around with Gary and instead befriend three psychotics from one west. That was his advice. And those psychotics, straight chloropromazine pilots: these guys couldn't even talk. And they'll give you all the bug juice you can swallow: unconscious equals manageable but it doesn't equal conversation.

ER: So they even wanted to control who you talked to?

LH: Exactly. At that point I said no. My friends are my friends. I've done fine here. Gained weight, in a good headspace and you want to ship me back to Matsqui where I spent that last five years sideways on a bed full of pills. Finally I received a document that said I was being transferred because of the way I reacted to being told I was being transferred. Real doublespeak.

ER: Do you think anybody gets any help over there?

LH: Yes, some people do if they are really fucked up. I think they got some help.

ER: But how effective is that help in the long term?

LH: I don't know. It won't show up until the person is put in some situation where the external stimuli are not controlled. Over there, it's controlled. Put them somewhere where they're going to be face to face with stimuli without those people to run to, to figure out how to do it, and they'll have problems.

And RPC messes up people who will eventually have to go back to the pens anyway. By the time guys have spent two or three years there they've said things they shouldn't have; they're into resolving situations passively; they've worked on their self-control—and Pow! all of it is out the window on the big yard again. I should add that RPC doesn't recommend many to get out on parole anyway. During my time there they recommended one sex case to get out. No one else got a thing. It's like the more they dig, the less "normal" someone seems and the more nervous they are about letting him out.

Obsessions

the deep hole
tries to swallow me
while you heave
black, heavy earth
over my body

this is the third
time you've tried
to bury me

but during the night
i crawl from
the moist ground
into your bed
soiling the sheets
again

Cathy Wall

The Diver

entering prison
on the last day of the year,
is placed in a cell
that is to be his home
for the rest of his life.

No one talks to the diver.
We are resting
for the traditional night of noise and
the quiet of the block is broken
only by an occasional word,
the sound of a cup set down, the
echoing crash as a toilet flushes.

On the windows in front of the cells,
I can see the diver's reflection:
prone on his bunk,
hands folded behind his head —
he is staring at the ceiling.

It is almost twelve; we prepare
for the advent. Hands grip steel
mugs, tin cans, sticks — anything
that will make a noise
when banged against the bars.

Midnight. Out on the Fraser River
boats whistle shrilly.
Our cell bars shed their paint
as we bang and scream.

Hundreds release their rage.

Hours pass. We tire, hands cramp
and blister, voices go hoarse.
One by one we drop from the mass until,
some time around three,
the block is cloaked in silence.

Morning, and the cell doors open.
We on "high five" file down the tier
to the kitchen for our trays.
The diver asks his neighbour: are all
nights like that?
and gets his answer in an affirmative nod
by a man who continues on —
ignoring the diver

knifing through the air
to the cement pool below.

T. Elton

poetry from The Prison Journal*; write to the Institute for the Humanities, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, V5A 1S6*

JUSTIFICATION OF THEFT

Alexander M. Jacob chose theft as a means of struggle. He wrote the following statement prior to deportation as a convict to Devils Island. The statement is from 1905 and speaks for itself.

Sirs,
You now know who I am, a rebel living from the products of his burglaries. On top of that, I've burnt down several hotels and defended my freedom against attacks of state agents. I have uncovered all my lifes struggles. I submit myself to you as a problem. Not recognizing an anyones right to judge me, I niether implore your pardon nor your indulgence. I do not make appeals or requests to the ones I despise and hate. You are the strongest, dispose of me as you wish. Deport me as a convict or send me to the gallows, it doesn't matter. But before leaving, let me tell you one last word...

You call someone theif and bandit, you enforce on him the harshness of the laws without asking yourself if he could have been something else. Have you ever seen stockholder become a burglar? I confess not to know of any. But I, who is niether stockholder nor landlord, who is only a man who owns only his arms and head to ensure his preservation, I had to behave differently. Society only gave me three ways to exist: to work, to beg or to steal. Work is far from displeasing me. People can't do without w working; their muscles, their heads, have an a amount of energy to burn off. What does repulse me, is to sweat blood and tears for the alms of a wage, is to create wealth of which I would have been defrauded. In a few words, it repulsed me to devote myself to the prostitution of work. Begging is degrading, the denial of all dignity. Everyone has the right to life's feast.
The right to live isn't begged for, it is taken.

Theft is the retaking of property. Instead of being confined in a factory, the same as in prison, instead of begging for the things to which I have a right, I preferred to revolt and fight my enemies by making war on the rich, by attacking their goods. Of course, I imagine that you would have preferred that I submit myself to your laws., that as a docile and worn out worker, I create wealth in exchange of a ludicrous wage, and that with a used body and burnt out brain I go die in a street corner. Then you wouldn't call me a 'cynical bandit' but an honest worker. Using flattery, you would have even rewarded me with a work medal. Priests promise a paradise to their dupes. You are less abstract. You offer a paper rag. I thank you for such goodness, for such gratitude, sirs. I prefer to be a cynic, consious of my rights rather than a machine or a statue. As soon as I had an awareness, I committed theft without any qualms. I do not respect your so called morals which extols the respect of property as a virtue when there are no worse thiefs than owners.

Consider yourselves happy, sirs, that these morals have taken root in the people, for it is your best police. Knowing the powerlessness of the law, of force to be more exact, you have made it the strongest of your protectors. But bware, everything has only time.! All that is built by force and cunning, force and cunning can demolish.

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VANCOUVER ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

The Vancouver ABC is an automomous section of the International Anarchist Black Cross. We Came together in late 1987 to begin work locally. Some of the ongoing work that we've been involved in since this formation has included demonstrations on behalf of Katsuhisa Omori, publicizing the situation of prisoners in need and prison conditions, sending material aid when possible, keeping in contact with prisoners through correspondence and disseminating information on prisoners and prison conditions through No Picnic the Ecomedia Network and Stark Raven on Co-op Radio (102.7 FM). There is a list of prisoners that the International ABC does solidarity work with. Locally we develop our own contacts and projects. The reality of the situation isthat the vast majority of prisoners don't call themselves anarchists. We base our connections and work solely on affinity and on an individual basis. If you're curious about our activities or would like to take part drop us a line at:
Vancouver Anarchist Black Cross
Box 2881, Vancouver B.C V6B 3X4

JOHN PEROTTI UPDATE

John Perroti jailhouse lawyer, prisoner and organiser with the IWW Industrial Workers of the World, has been placed in J1 Super Max Control Unit, similar to the control unit in Marion Illinois. Perotti is bieng held in the Southern Ohio Correction Facility (SOFC) , as the prison is known in Lucasville.

In the control unit guards use high pressure fire hoses on prisoners almost daily. Prisoners are not allowed the usual cigarettes; confectionary, etc.;nor fruit, literature, or magazines. Everytime a prisoner is taken from his cell he is strip searched and his orifices examined; then he is handcuffed and leg-ironed. The procedure is repeated on return to the cell. Exercise is taken in a specially designed cage resembling a dog kennel and lasts for two hours a week. All areas of the block are monitored by closed-circuit cameras. Some of the prisoners are more in need of mental health treatment and should not be in the unit.

Recently some of the prisoners tried to send out a detailed complaint to Amnesty Int., listing all the beatings as well as murder of prisoners by guards. They put together over 100 pages of exhibits. However the exhibits and the dossier of complaints was siezed by the prison authorities. Certain prisoners involved in organising the complaint - Byrd, Scott, Wolfel and Perotti- were disciplined with one, Perotti, put into solitary. Despite all odds, however, these prisoners ended up getting a copy of the complaint smuggled out to contacts outside, who then sent it to A.I. The prisoners now hope that there will be an official investigation called.

Perotti, and fellow prisoner Brumfield, meanwhile have lost their appeal concerning the suit the filed against prison authorities for confiscating their IWW union cards and literature. As a result they now owe the State $6,000 in legal fees. Perotti has also to pay over $ 220 for a lost appeal concerning a first ammendment violation. Donations to the General Defense Fund are desperately needed and can be sent to: Perotti Defence Fund, 1142 Hall Ave. Lakewood, OH. 44107 USA (cheques payable to Perotti Defense Fund)

Meanwhile we also hear that the courts have rejected the charges by Perotti and fellow prisoners(with the assistance of the IWW) that the State Employment Relations Board was acting illegally in preventing the prisoners from organising within a union and bieng represented by the IWW. The court's decision was taken in the knowledge that had it gone the other way then the State would have been forced to pay prisoners minimum pay as well as medical benefits. The latest news is that the prisoners are now putting through an appeal to the District Court.

AVI NAFTEL TRANSFERRED

Imprisoned anarchist activist Avi Naftel recently got transferred to another prison, his new address is: Avi Naftel, ASPC-Tucson, No. 45287 ,10,000 S. Wilmot, Tucson. AZ. USA

SMELLING A RAT

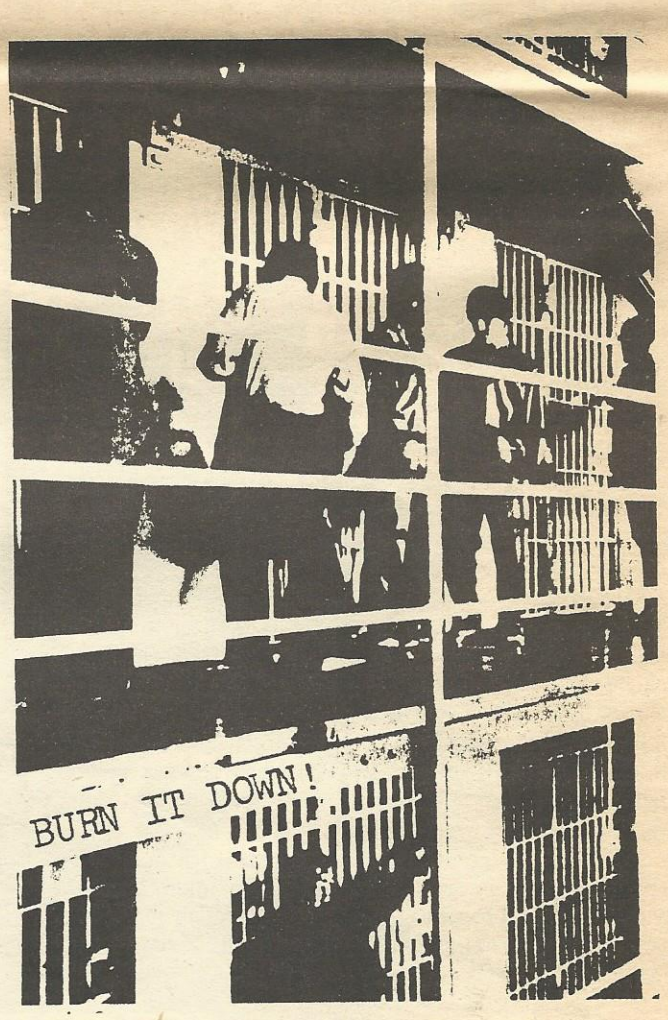
An admission by Leslie Vernon White, an inmate in southern California, that he fabricated confessions of prisoners he never met, has exposed the underbelly of a system by which jailers reward informers for 'favors.'

Defense lawyers have put together a list of cases in which White and other jail house informers testified. As a result of this bought -and-paid-for testimony 225 people were convicted of murder and other felonies, some were actually sentenced to death, and 30 are currently on Death Row.

Robert Blake, lawyer for California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, told the media, 'When you dangle extra rewards, furloughs, money, their own clothes, stereos, in front of people in overcrowded jails, then you have an unacceptable temptation to commit perjury'.

Although these cases are all confined to Los Angeles County, defense lawyers their told the press they may only represent a fraction of similar cases across the country.

'All we've done is crack the egg here', said Charles Lindler, president of the L.A.C.C. Bar Association. 'The yolk will spill out all over the country'.--Some Commie Rag---



The following prisoners would appreciate political, anarchist and anti authoritarian prison struggle type magazines and material. So if you can , put them on your mailing lists.

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Gays, & Prison & Reality

For a gay, prison is a place that is either a horror to some or a rewarding experience, it depends all on how much shit the gay concerned is willing to take off of guards & prisoners alike. There are a lot of things that gays go through in prison and there are very few gays that will survive without a man, husband, partner (whatever you wish to call a lover). If the guy is weak, pretty, there is a 90% chance that life in prison for that person will be a horror to themselves if not others, unless they can find a lover that they can be happy with. Until they do find someone they are subjected to rapes, beatings. All gays in prison are called many names by straights: punks, dicksuckers, whores, bitches. (just to name a few).

But then again for the gay person that is able to find a lover that they can be happy with, prison life is a very rewarding experience.

Me myself I have been gay most of my life. I have spent most of my life behind bars, in youth authority's jails, prisons, and I have found a lover in about each placethat I was locked up in that I could love and be loved and have a happy relationship with.

But being gay and in prison is to be harrassed most of the time. I guess that I would not be too far off by saying that gays in most prisons are like jews in Nazi Germany. A gay is in most straights eyes & mind a woman to be used and abused as they see fit.

Now that the AIDS scare is going around it (Life) is even worse for most gays in prison. But even tho AIDS is a disease that can be cought by any one in prison as well as most of the free world the scapegoats are gays and since there is no unity among gays in most prison systems, gays will continue to be abused, used, and become scapegoats for whatever happends.

I believe that even with the AIDS scare going around that in the Texas Department of Corrections sex has only decreased approxmuntly 3 to 5 %.

I have had one bad experience since being in the Texas Dept. of Corrections, it happened on 1-16-88. I was taken from my cell by a guard to get a hair cut, after I had received a hair cut I was taken to the guards' rest room. (at this time I knew something was about to go down. But could do nothing with my hands cuffed behind my back.) After both me and the guard were in the restroom I was beaten with a nightstick and then raped. When I complained about this to T.D.C.officials I was beaten down several more times. I tried to press charges in Anderson County sheriffs Dept. but my complaint was thrown away I guess,cause nothing ever happened. After the filing of the complaint and getting the matter publicized in a cupple gay newspapers my cell was shook down several times a day, property torn up, Law books stolden, commissary stolden, and I was beat down by the goon squad several more times.

These things dont only happen in Texas prisons,take for instance James "Blondie" Maness in Louisiana prison. There is a poem about him it is as follows. I'll write it then explain a little about what happened. Hopefully Blondie will write his own story about what happened and hopefully No Picnic will print it since this kind of violence needs to be publicized so that the free world people will know what is going on behind prison bars.

I had a discussionabout getting rid of prisons altogether and about beatings, rape, isolation, etc.,etc, with a few people yesterday. Most people don't have a clue what prisons are all about. Here is the poem about Blondie,

A State Workers' Budget"Bite"

come listen state workers and I'll tell you
about an inmate biting off more than he could chew

the tier was long and so was the night
it was dark and everything quiet

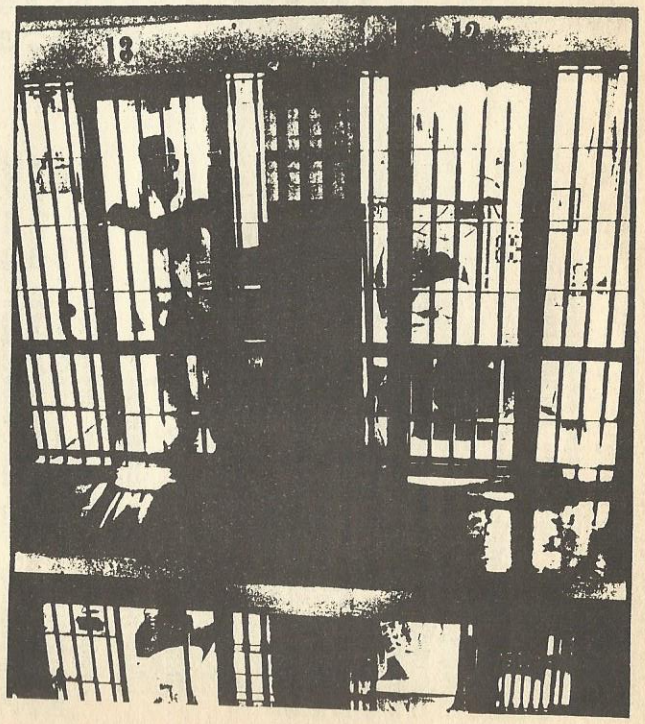
Blondie was fast asleep in his bed
when a sargent came to his cell for him to give head

The sargent just hunched against the bars instead of going in
said:"Blondie you've done it this way before,do it again."

so Blondie went down as he had before
but this time he was going to even the score

the sargent should have been backing up when he stuck it in
for Blondie left it hanging by only the skin

the officer then stabbed hisself with a pocket knife
to make it look as though Blondie had tried
to take his life



an officer was down so they sounded the alarm
the T.A.C. team came running, an officer had come to harm

they beat Blondie up and wanted him to die
to keep them from killing him he was moved to DCI

the downed officer had everyones concern and support
until they heard about the teeth marks in the doctor's report

the budget bite is causing state workers to rob Peter to pay Paul
this state worker got another kind of bite and now has no peter at all

he'll no longer be working for the state since he got it bit off to the hilt
I guess he can start driving a truck and get a new Peterbilt.

Now some people in the free world will say this poem is kinda sick, or crude. But let me tell you it is reality here in prison.

Answer this for yourself " How would you like to be in prison and be forced by either prisoners or guards to perform oral sex upon them? or how would you like to be raped?

Now as to what the poem means:
James "Blondie" Maness is a gay prisoner who was pressured by a guard to perform oral sex many times. Maness got tired of it and complained to prison authoritys about the matter. But nothing was done about it, except prison authoritys tried to cover it up.

In most prisons authorities think like this if something happens to a gay prisoner" he either asked for it" or "he deserves it" or "those things don't happen in our prison". Maness told authorities that if the guard came to him again to make him perform oral sex he was going to bite the guards penis off. The authoritys of the prison refused to do anything about it because Maness is only a prisoner and it doesn't what happends to gay prisoners. But let a guard come to harm then there will be quick retaliation, an investigation, ect,ect. That's just what happened in James "Blondie"Maness' case. But the investigation backfired and the guard is now on trial instead of the prisoner.

There are several newsclippings to prove the facts that I am writing about in this artical. If anyone is interested in reading them or would like to get a hold of these newspaper clippings, they can contact:

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These things and more will continue to happen to gays & straights in prison around the world not just in the U.S. until prisoners unite and fight back against prison and prison authoritys like the prisoners did before at Santa Fe, New Mexico on February 2 and 3, 1987. Like they fought back at the Mcalester prison in 1973, and like the prisoners fought back against the system in Attica prison in New York. Conditions, rapes, beatings, killings of prisoners by prison authoritys will continue until prisoners get tired of the conditions in which they are living under, until they get tired of all the beatings, rapes & killings and start fighting back for what is right. Until all prisons are torn down and done away with, until all governments are destroyed and there is complete anarchy in the world these things will continue to happen.

You people out there in the free world just think some day it may be you this is happening or your kids, loved ones.

The best advice I can give to anyone is to fight for prisoners all around the world and to fight for anarchy so that everyone can live in better world.

written by a prisoner in the U.S.

UNITED EUROPE 1992 UNITED CAPITAL

1992 is the target date for the unification of Europe. The aim of this plan is so that the states involved can realize a large internal market. The opening up of internal borders serves economic interests, ie: the free transport of goods, services and capital.

At the same time, the elimination of internal borders creates new problems for the state regarding the maintenance of public order and also it's policy towards 'aliens'.

All of this portends that the climate towards political opposition shall become more harsh. The need for sharpened oppressive tools is not because internal opposition is so strong. It is because the 'western democracies' face a legitimization crisis.

The post-war welfare state was based on a consensus between capital and labour, and meant a relative well-being for many,ie; "... one may have a bit more than the other but together everyone will benefit." This is breaking down as a consequence of the inevitable concentration of capital (ongoing tendency of corporations to be 'swallowed' by ever enlarging multinationals) and the internationization of the economy. The wheel has turned to a society based on the principles of a free market, ie; "Everyone for her/himself and God for us all."

This development has led to huge contradictions between promises made by politicians and the clear effects of the actual policy, for instance with regard to employment. Now these contradictions have become too big. The structural unemployment of millions of people is accepted by the state as established data and subsequently these people are slotted into a 'problem' category.

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People on welfare or unemployment insurance have become "people who practice fraud." In this way a wedge is driven between the large 'middleclass' and the 'underclass' no matter what the cost. The underclass regresses more and more, both materially and socially with no possibility for development.

While the rest are doing well, the definitive split in society is a fact. The loyalty of the middleclass is bought with economic advantages. It's these middleclass groups that form the political basis of the European (and N.American - ed) neo-conservatives.

Some people earn alot of money through this economic policy. The conservatives also gain ideologically through appeals on nationist and religious sentiments. Here (Europe - ed) we see conservatism with it's 'sensible' call for 'law and order' aimed at anyone who is 'different'. The effect is an enormous growth in racism, sexism and gay-hate.

A huge gulf has grown between the demands of capital for international re-organization (and the social and political consequences of it) and what the western 'democracies' pretend to be. The crisis of these same states' legitimization stems from the tension caused by this gulf.

For alot of people the reality is very different from the theoretical basis of democracy which is; human rights, right to employment, inexistence of poverty (because welfare would be provided), lack of imperialistic exploitation, birthplace of enlightenment and inexistence of racial hate. The tension between the reality for many people and the 'theory' is a threat to the 'subjective safety' of the state. This threat is not a reality at this time with regards to force. The state has a virtual monopoly on force. But what it is, is a real threat to the states' credibility.

To replace this an internal enemy is created; foreigners, junkies, radicals revolutionaries, etc,... The struggle against the 'internal' enemy is being used to reform and arrange society to the needs of the moment. The struggle against criminality becomes a daily slogan (ie; Crimestoppers in Vancouver - ed). We see a big push for the revival of the ethics of conservatism, supported by more and more people. This one of the main aims: obtaining the loyalty of the citizen.

"....we se conservatism with it's sensible call for 'law and order'. The result is an enormous growth in racism, sexism and gay-hate."

Also, these groups don't fir into the overall project being carried through. They are superfluous and a nuisance. This is the essence of their marginalization and criminalization.

There are all kinds of measures which push up the general level of repression. One of these is the possibility to prosecute more and more easily. For example(in Holland):1) Remand. In the past when a mistake was made, the accused had to be released. This has now been changed giving the judge in a case of "seriously shocked legal order" the power to impose a new period of remand so that the prosecutor can revise and correct the summons. 2) 'Justice' will be able to take action immediately without having to conform to all kinds of regulations such as reasonable suspicion of guilt. 3) House searches in general will be bound to less regulation. 4) Anonymous witnesses accounts will be allowed in courts.

Another change is the concentration of more cops in the areas where alot of foreigners and unemployed people are living. By his/her presense the cop works preventitively/repressively

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towards these groups.

The development of sharpened general repression is not in the change of statutes alone. The judges themselves have been for some time rewarding the call for revenge. In Holland in 1986 the increase in the average length of prison sentences was 21%. This, even though the real increase in criminality was only 1%, shows that the winds of reaction have been blowing through the courtrooms for some time already. A call for more prisons and cells overall has to be understood in the same light. There is no so-called explosive growth in crime rates but forever increasing lengths of sentences.

A word which is inevitably repeated with regard to policing strategies is 'harmonization'. In the annual report of the Dutch prosecution council of 1987 it states,".... the opening of the borders will have to lead to the intensification of the co-operation between the respective police and judicial bodies." Police and justice want to take far reaching measures(and to have the judicial basis for it) in order "to control the free movement of people".

The judicial basis for this control has already been put down in existing European treaties, ie; the European treaty to fight terrorism.

".... these groups... are superfluous and a nuisance. This is the essence of their marginalization and criminalization."

Control over the free movement of people will have two forms. Control of immigrants at external borders will take place with the aid of new co-ordinated police data systems. Also airline companies will be liable to a fine and the return flight of foreigners without a valid visa. The possibility to qualify as a political refugee has been severly restricted. For example Kurds faced with extermination by the Turkish state were rejected from Holland in a recent ruling by the High Court because "the power of the state (Turkey) is legitimate".

There will also be a 'harmonization' of policy to control the internal flood of migrants. That is, people who go about within the 'united' Europe will be subject to controls such as visa restrictions, residence permits, right to unemployment insurance benefits, to education and medical aid.

The major judicial/police tool now being introduced in the Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg) is the Terrorist law which has been in effect now for some years in W.Germany. That law, the now infamous 'paragraph 129a' was first used against the R.A.F.(Red Army Fraction) guerillas. It has been purposely kept extremely vague and now, since the resistance is growing, it is being stretched and accomodated in such a way that it can be used to attack all other organizing groups and parts of the movement.

Under 'para.129a' one need not be a guerilla to be a terrorist.You are also a terrorist if

"The struggle against the state is the struggle against the patriarchy."

you 'support a terrorist organization'. This could mean printing a newspaper that contained communiques of resistance groups, or selling that paper, or simply possesing that paper. It means demonstrations in support of political prisoners is akin to membership in a terrorist organization.

In one instance of the application of 'para 129a' the editor of the German paper Radikal was sentenced to a prison term for publishing the words of groups fighting the state.

It has recently been introduced in Holland as 'article 140' and has already been put to political use. It's first function is to give police extraordinary powers of investigation. It's second function is to punish people for political pronunciations to the media or at meetings and allow the introduction of collec-

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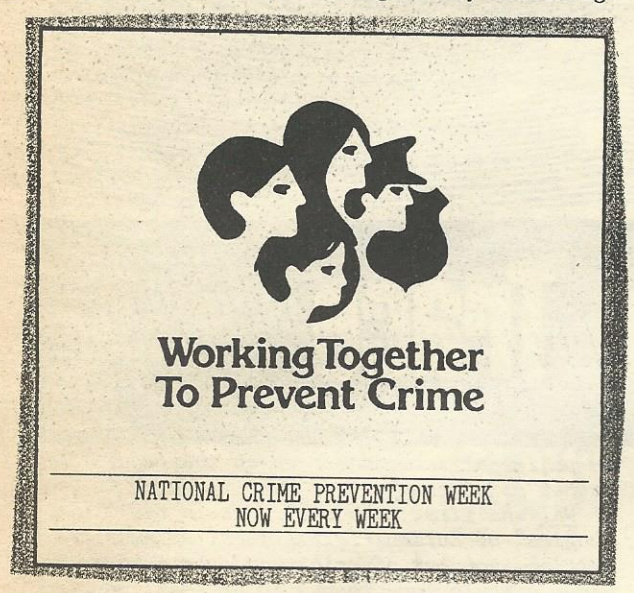
tive and/or intellectual offendership.

Public preparations for resistance and demonstrations can now be attacked in this way. The threat of collective complicity/co-offendership is designed to block our own collective development. It has to bring about preventitive fear. Like the fear when it was first used in Nijmegen(Holland) where, after the arrests, people were asking, "Do I still want to go to meetings? Who is still willing to say something?"



We can see other obvious examples of the consolidation of repression. A Dutch commission has recommended changes to enable judges to punish the planning of a crime with 2/3 of the sentence the person would recieve if it was successfully carried through. The model for this was not W.Germany, but Great Britain where recently three people were sentenced to 25 years for suspicion of the consiracy to assasinate Tom King, the secretary of state for N. Ireland affairs.

In England, the right to remain silent has been abolished. The jury will now be advised by the judge to take the silence as an admission of guilt. We've also seen a ban imposed on interviews with the political opposition (Sinn Fein), which Thatcher called, "..taking the breath away from the resistance".

So we see, in effect, a state of emergency as in the model W. Germany taking place in Europe. The collective offendership, intellectual offendership, penalization of the right to remain silent, ban on interviews with political opposition, the application of laws like 'art. 140' and 'para. 129a', harmonization of data systems, restrictions on travel, employment, increased sentencing and prison construction all form a loose summary of the kinds of measures which push up the general repression levels

For us in N. America it is important to consider our relation to these developments. The reality there, if applied here, would mean the publication of this paper, for example, or it's

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sale, or simply it's posession could be a punishable offence. Individuals at demonstrations in support of political prisoners could be criminalized. What similarities is there between their situation and the implementation of the 'Free Trade' agreement here whereby the freedom of capital and corporations is broadened with no corresponding relaxation of the heavy controls one must undergo crossing the US/Canada border? Here we can also see increasing cooperation and sophistication of police forces.

It's no secret that the same filth orchestrating the unification of Europe are very close to the rulers of our continent. We can count on them sharing and learning from each other as they push this dying civilization towards their ultimate dream of one world government and freedom for capital(ists), along with a repressed, malleable populous.

All of this is only half the story. Analysis can be a form of radical criticism. However, as it is, of itself, it does not offer any perspective to action.

Our only answer to these developments is to go to it offensively. We should become more careful as to preparation, however not lose our daring. They can take people out of circulation temporarily, the ideas and discussion continue.

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SQUATTERS REPEL POLICE

A mild winter indicates a hot spring; the police and the squatters movement aticipated amusement when they clashed in an almost civil-war situation in Copenhagen on the 16th of Jan.

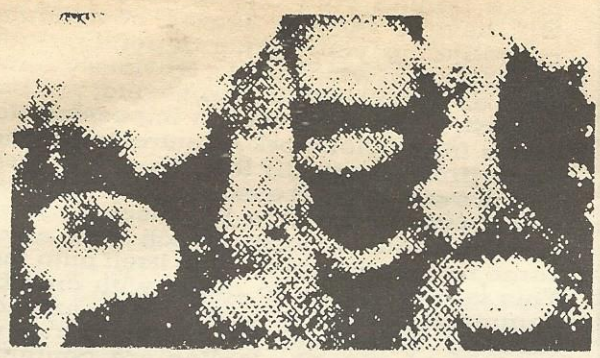
In the morning a group of squatters occupied an empty building. Immediately the police requested and recieved the owner's permission to raid the house. Eleven squatters were arrested. In the meantime approximately 400 policemen formed cordons across the streets leading to the adjoining two squatters strongholds, the houses: Mekanisk Musikmuseum and Sorte Hest. This was to prevent assistance from them to the new squat and to practice neutralization of "hostile public crowds". Students from the police training centre were called out to take part

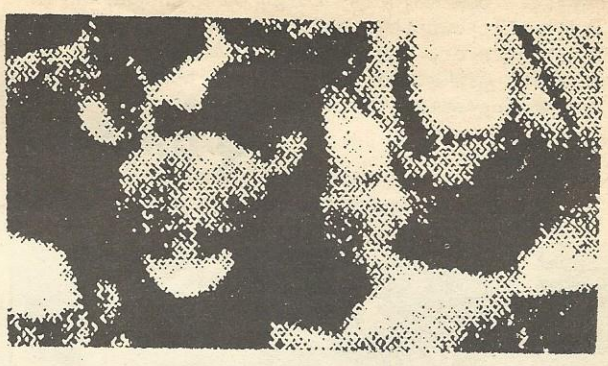
The squatters - fearing that the police would take advantage of the situation to raid not only the new squat but also the two strongholds - formed a qualified opposition using bricks, paving stones, paintbombs, molotovs, catapults, etc, to keep the police at a distance. At times it was a truncheon fight man to man as squatters repelled the police cordons. Five police were hospitalized, none with serious injuries.

When the new squat was evicted and made uninhabitable the police left the scene after four hours of battle.

The real terrorists, however, are the politicians and the authorities who leave it entirely to the police to solve the problems of the housing shortage, and who defend a system where it is illegal to occupy empty, derelict houses at the same time as it is legal for speculators to exploit people by keeping the houses empty and the rents high.

Anarchist Black Cross, Denmark





HUNGERSTRIKE IN WEST GERMANY

The hungerstrike of the R.A.F. (Red Army Fraction) started on the 1st of February 89. It has now spread beyond just RAF and at least 50 prisoners are on strike.

Their demands are:

- imprisonment of all political prisoners in one or two large groups in which new prisoners can be integrated
- the possibility to go out in the prison yard with the other prisoners
- freedom for those needing rehabilitation therapy after the sickness and torture of isolation
- freedom for Gunter Sonnenberg, Claudia Wannersdorfer, Bernd Rossner and Angelika Goder, because of serious physical condition
- free medical assistance without state control
- freedom of political communication and information for all prisoners and between all groups in society

Two of the groups which originally began the strike will now reach the situation where their health is in danger. During previous strikes the head judge allowed force feeding when the prisoners health became critical. This a cruel and painful procedure as a tube is forced into the mouth and to the stomach. This is how Andreas Bader was killed. The pigs killed him through forced feeding by giving him only enough calories for the body to survive the procedure but not enough to 'heal'.

The state has complete physical control of prisoners. It is trying to break their will, force a distance from further political activities by pressuring them or pressuring other prisoners in a way that they will fight against each other in jail.

Barbel Perau, an anti-imperialist jailed for suspicion of a bomb attack on a W German border patrol, wrote,"As soon as I stood at the door of Ingrid's (Ingrid Strobl, RZ suspect) cell, another prisoner tried to pull me away.... Thursday the women told me that if I went again to Ingrid's cell, the cell doors of all of them would be closed..... collective punishment. The other prisoners (general population) are used as hostages. This is what they call relaxed control."

The German press try not to give full and true information to the public. The paper Die Welt wrote that the prisoners only stopped eating for two weeks.

A large, militant demonstration took place in Essen on the 11th of February, 89, attended by 10,000 people mostly Autonomes from all over Germany. It's size and intensity surprised the police. It wasn't given any coverage on the TV, radio or newspapers. The purpose of the demonstration was to support the hungerstrike, freedom for Ingrid Strobl, and the abolition of the infamous law 'paragraph 129a' (see article on unification of Europe this issue for more on this law)

The media, the government's right hand, are publishing false information about the situation. They wrote that the strikers are guided by their defenders for the purpose of moving a step in the direction of more open contact between the clients and their lawyers. (judges arbitrarily decide if a lawyer acts as a conduit to communicate between prisoners for the purpose of illegal actions such as the hungerstrike and can cut off access to their clients).

In the meantime the strike continues.

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STUDENT STRIKES

Shortly after the beginning of the 88/89 winter semester the University of Berlin was paralized by a student's strike, which later spread to other W German universities such as those in Frankfurt and Heidelberg.

The background and basis of the movement were the unsatisfactory circumstances and conditions suffered under university daily life, such as; small auditoriums which are insufficient to teach everyone, insufficient and outdated course material, shortening of the duration of jobs and professorial chairs.

The strike was started by the medical students who had to suffer the most because of the insufficient number of laboratory places. This caused them to lose semesters, in which they had to wait for practicum places and couldn't go on studying.

Another very important issue is the university law which didn't give any space for decisions which are made in the 'plenum'(the plenum is comprised of professors, scientific assistants non-scientific assistants and students). This was done by changing it's composition so that the voice of professors was guaranteed to be a majority, thereby also guaraneeing the will of the university president. It also effectively eliminated the students' influence in the nominations of new professors.

In a meeting of all students the decision was made to go on strike even if this meant the loss of a whole semester. Subsequently, all institutes were squatted and a 24-hour pickett picket line went up to hinder students and professors from entering the university. Heavy confrontations with the police took place when they drove scabs into the institutions in their cars.

These were the demands: 50% of professors to be women, the plenum to be made up of ¼ for each of the four groups, updating of course materials, enlargement of auditoriums and labs, employment of a woman who is paid by the government to take care of women's affairs and to control the type of scientific research that takes place with a voice to social and political concerns.

As expected, the majority of professors weren't willing to discuss these demands at all. When I left the BRD (W Germany) several weeks ago a general meeting had taken place where the students had split into groups according to their study subjects. They decided that every group needed a 60% majority to go on with the strike. The result was that some groups ended the strike but others are continuing the fight. Their institutes are still squatted and they await daily the police attempts to evict them.

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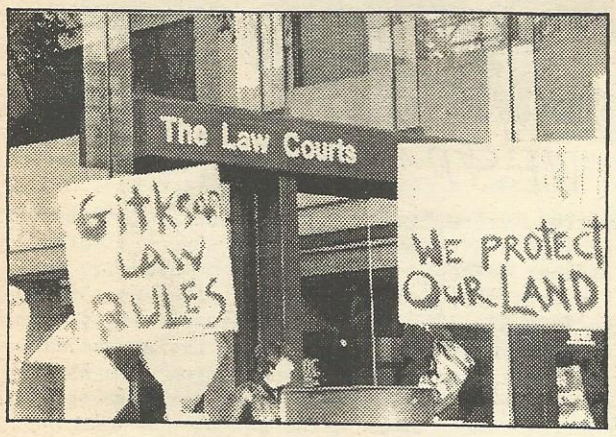


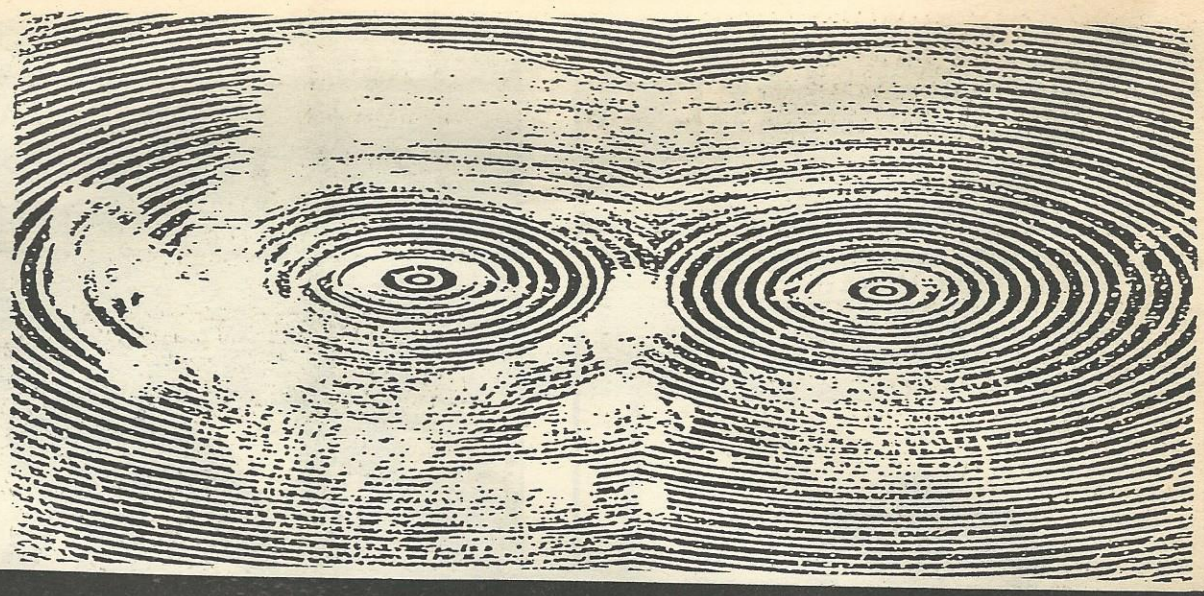
GITKSAN-WET'SEWET'EN FIGHT ON

The major court battle of these people to gain total jurisdiction over their traditional territory has spread from the court to the land itself. A blockade of a proposed bridge construction site that would have paved the way to the decimation of one of their few remaining wild territories, resulted in them being awarded an injunction stopping all construction activity on that bridge.
Westar Timber appealed the injunction decision acouple of months ago, but no court decision has come down yet.

No matter what the decision is, the people have made it be known that they will not allow logging there or in a number of other sites.

Also they plan to halt with the aid of other groups, the construction that Alcan Aluminum plans of a new dam on the Nechacko River in their territory. People are gearing up for a big fight this spring an summer.

For more information call the Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en tribal Council Office in Vancouver at 682-1990. Or write: PO Box 229, Hazelton, BC, VOJ 1YO



Without a Trace

"Without a Trace is a technical manual like no other, for it attempts to teach not only the perpetrators, but also defense attorneys, social critics and the general public about the vast array of scientific and technological means by which the police attempt to prove "who done-it." It covers the various areas of forensic science and criminalistics.

WAT is also a political manual. It makes no bones about the fact that it's raison d'etre is to provide information not usually accessible to people outside the police forces of the state. It speaks to everyone interested in knowing how the police operate, and where their technical limits lie. Most importantly it attempts to provide essential information to those engaged in political actions for which they would rather no be caught."

WAT was first made available in the "left jungles" of Zurich, Switzerland. An American edition, now out of print, enjoyed a somewhat wider circulation, thanks in no small part to the wonders of American "repressive tolerance".

Hooligan Press in England has come out with a scaled down version that is more specific to Britain but still chocked full of important information that applies here (N America) also. The following excerpts, on finger prints and conclusion are from the Hooligan edition. It can be ordered for $5.25US from; Libertarian Book Club, 339 Lafetette suite 202, New York, NY, 10012, USA.

FINGERPRINTS

The science of fingerprint examination is called *dactyloscopy*. We are born with our fingerprints, and we'll never be able to change them or get rid of them. Whenever you touch something with your fingertips you leave behind your calling card. The police will have a varying degree of difficulty in reproducing your prints depending on the surface upon which it lies. Obviously surfaces such as glass, marble, chrome etc, will be the easiest, whilst it is almost impossible to lift prints from brickwork or untreated wood. A fingerprint is basically the fatty, acidic residue left on a surface in the exact shape of the *ridge lines* of your fingertips. Because a fingerprint is composed of sweat, which is an acid, in some instances it qwill etch itself onto metal. This is most likely to occur with crowbars, hammers, chisels, etc, and can be erased by rubbing down said tools with coarse wire wool after use. The police are continually perfecting their methods of print detection, because they are such a foolproof piece of personal identity. They can take prints from skin (if they really try), from tightly woven fabrics, especially synthetic ones, and paper.

To convict, the police need to show 12 matching features of a fingerprint. In practice, these can be found on just one square centimeter of skin area. Fingerprints are fairly hard to destroy, and even immersion in water will not do the job completely, so if you are going to throw something over the bridge, don't forget to wipe it down first. Unless an object is totally consumed, fire is also not a sure method of erasing prints, as a layer of carbon can cover them, and keep them recognisable. The older a print becomes, the harder it is to reproduce, although, in theory, it will last forever, as long as it has not been disfigured. Fingerprints are kept on the PNC in the form of encoded data, and as such, do not need to be visually checked to be found to match. A specialist will analyse the fingerprint and turn it into a series of four digit numbers. These numbers are then entered into the PNC, which will return the location of any matching fingerprints held by the Fingerprint Bureau at New Scotland Yard. These matches will be examined further in detail to see if any of the candidates presented by the PNC *exactly* matches those found at the scene of crime. The PNC fingerprint index is used roughly 300,000 times a year. A new system of fingerprint recognition has been developed which involves *hyper-computers*, and which can visually translate a single print into unique and complex computer data, thus making positive I.D. from a partial found print possible. This system is not yet in use, but should be in a few years.

The police show a great deal of interest in everyones prints, to the extent that babies are now being fingerprinted at birth in some countries, in case they should get'lost'. How touching! In the station, the police will always try and take your prints. Since the introduction of the Criminal Evidence Act, they have more or less complete freedom to do so, without having to go to a magistrate anymore. In theory, it is possible to smudge or blur our fingerprints. One way is to leave plenty of soap on your hands, after you've been made to wash them, and another is to try and 'help' the police. The idea is that you relax your fingers while they roll them over the sheet. If you apply too much pressure, or slide about a bit, you might smudge a couple. On the other hand, they might just tear them up and start again, or even tear *you* up and start again!

CONCLUSION

Yes, the police do have a very sophisticated forensic science capability. But they have less than 200 forensic scientists in the U.K. and therefore priority is given over to more 'serious' crimes. Forensic scientists have turned out in the past to be bent, or there methods predjudiced, inexact and ultimately false. Forensic evidence should always be questioned. The most significant thing to remember is the most obvious; the police have to have a body before they can make comparisons. For this reason, information and intelligence gathering is the most important area of police work. Preferably they would like everybody on file, with their description, fingerprints and political tendencies. Then, when a crime is committed, especially in the political arena, the cops just haul in the likeliest suspects. For this reason our biggest precaution is not to get noticed, and if we are known, to do our dark deeds far away from where we live. If we can't be found, we can't be caught, and all their fancy technology is useless. Only a minute percentage of crimes are solved by the use of forensics. For example, the metropolitan police's clear up rate is around 17% - less than 1 in 5 crimes are solved, and of those crimes solved, the vast majority are solved by either confessions or 'information received'. (i.e. grasses). The clear up rate is highest where the individual is likely to know the offender; for example 53% for sexual assault, whereas burglary is only 10%. So you see, the odds are in our favour, and if we manage to keep our mouths shut and stay away from grasses, then those odds can be lengthened. Commonsense and caution make up most of the difference, and who knows, maybe something you've read in this book! What you have to worry about now is bad luck and getting in the act.

Well, happy hunting and good luck,
all the best,

Moriarty

FISH FARMING or HOW TO KILL A COAST

I'm going to make some wild claims here. Actually they are not wild but are claims about what's going to happen to 'wild'. AAAAHHHH!!

Salmon farms. Sound good? Visions of plenty? Well, unfortunately, this new 'advancement' threatens to completly annihilate wild salmon and to deepen the crisis in an ecosystem already in a shocking state of distress.

How can somebody like me make claims like that? It flies in the face of the Ministry of Environment (ME) statements like, "..recent studies showed environmental damage from fish farming was not a concern." The M.E. lies. Yer nor surprised eh? Me neither.

Before we get into some of the ugly details let's have a quick look at a fish farm; "As we rounded the point, in the shelter of the next bay we could see the pens and walkway of the new fish farm. Immediately we noticed a strange brownish scum on the calm surface of the water. Soon after we were overwhelmed by the odour of raw sewage. Out here!? We were alarmed. People that lived nearby said the otters and seals that once lived in the vicinity had vanished."

"The Ministry of the Environment lies. You're not surprised eh?"

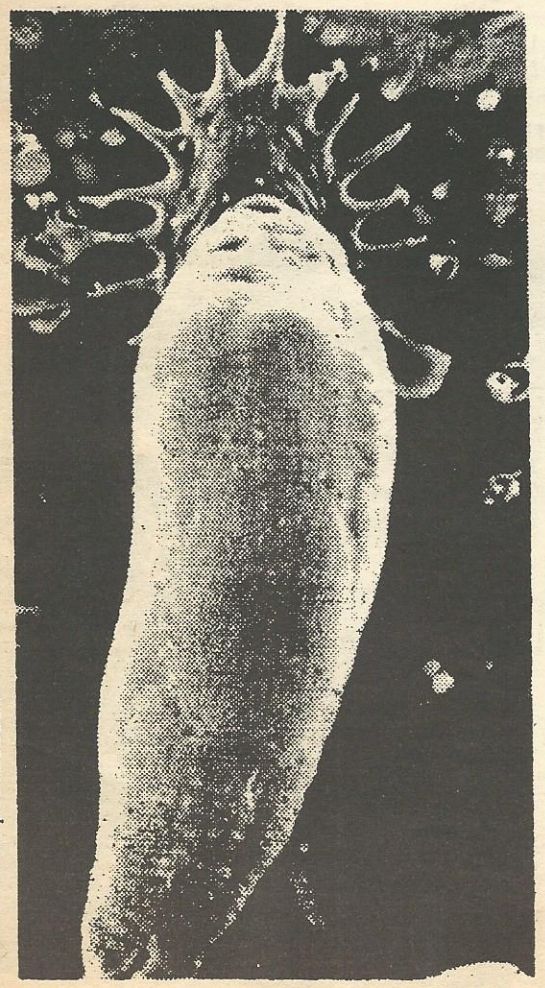
Is it not strange that in the state of Alaska they are "poised to pass laws that would ban fish farming entirely from their coastal waters?" At the same time in 'SuperNatural' BC, we've watched while the industry has gone from ten operational fish farms in 1984, to 173 in '88 and with 200 more slated for approval for '89.

Norway could be called the world's largest farmer of fish. Farmed salmon are the main source of that country's revenue from fish, dwarfing the county's wild salmon fishing industry. The government there is proposing to completely shut down the wild salmon fishing industry in 1989. Wild salmon have been completly annihilated in 28 of that nation's rivers. Fish farming is not solely to blame with other things like sports fishing and acid rain runoff also posing great threats. Everyone there now agrees that this relatively new existence of these farms up and down the coast is the greatest threat of all. All hail technology!

It was Norwegian capital that first introduced the farms to our coast, importing their technology and hybrid, domesticated strains of fish. They account for 60% of the ownership of the industry now growing here. They came here because there are absolutely no regulations to control the size, location or amount of damage these new farms are doing to our environment.

The potential results of unchecked salmon farming boggle the mind, and leave me almost speechless. Almost.

Disease has always been a major problem in all factory farming and fish are no different.



Farm-borne parasite Gyrodactylus salaris has infested Norwegian rivers. The rivers are then 'saved' by stripping them of fish life with pesticide.

Pack 30,000 eight inch fish (20 cm) into a pen that measures 50 ft square by 30 ft deep and you've got a problem. No different than cattle or chickens! Norwegian officials have found that diseases are becoming resistant to the huge amounts of antibiotics used to fight them. Each year produces new strains that threaten both domesticated and wild stocks.

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Last year, antibiotics use in the industry in Norway rose 170%. But this was not enough. Norwegian National Veterinarian Institute director Trygve Poppe says,"... we see every day they have more and more diseases. We see new diseases coming up all the time." He says the density of fish in their pens produces "a fish soup in which it is very easy for disease grow."

Fish were completely destroyed in 20 farms by Furunculosis in 1985. That disease spread to wild stocks as well. Another one is Hitra disease. Looking at a lab sample of an infected fish, Poppe said,"The bacteria are humming so loud you can almost hear them barking."

Bacterial Kidney Disease, spread by escaped farm fish is now on the increase in two Norwegian rivers. Here in BC, it is estimated that the same disease, BKD, killed some 50% of farmed fish in 1987.

A parasite, gyrodactylus salaris, only a millimetre long, spread from farms and infested 28 rivers, living off the blood and flesh of the salmon until it dies of infection or dehydration. The only way the Norwegians could come

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up with a halt to the crisis was by using more technology. They poured enough of the pesticide rotenone (used by our goons as well) into the rivers to kill all the fish, restocking them later. Wonderful! Don't question the source, but we got another technological (ie; life hating) answer!

Rivers in Norway are pipsqueak compared to the enormous systems here on the BC coast. When that parasite or some other highly resistant and mutated virus gets into the Skeena or Fraser river system it will be their death knell. There is absolutely no answer to be pulled out of the 'experts' technobag of tricks. The salmon are fucked! The rivers are fucked! The animals are fucked! We are fucked!

That's the sensational part. No less of a threat and way more insidious are the more subtle results of this disgusting new plague.

Pharmaceuticals are an indispensible tool

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needed to raise fish artificially. Along with heavy antibiotics use and the threat this brings of new and more resistant strains, there are other technofixes needed to keep the fish from floating belly-up. Vaccines are used to prevent diseases like vibriosis. Fish are dipped as smolts (tiny fish) into antibiotic and vaccine 'baths' much like french fries into fryers.

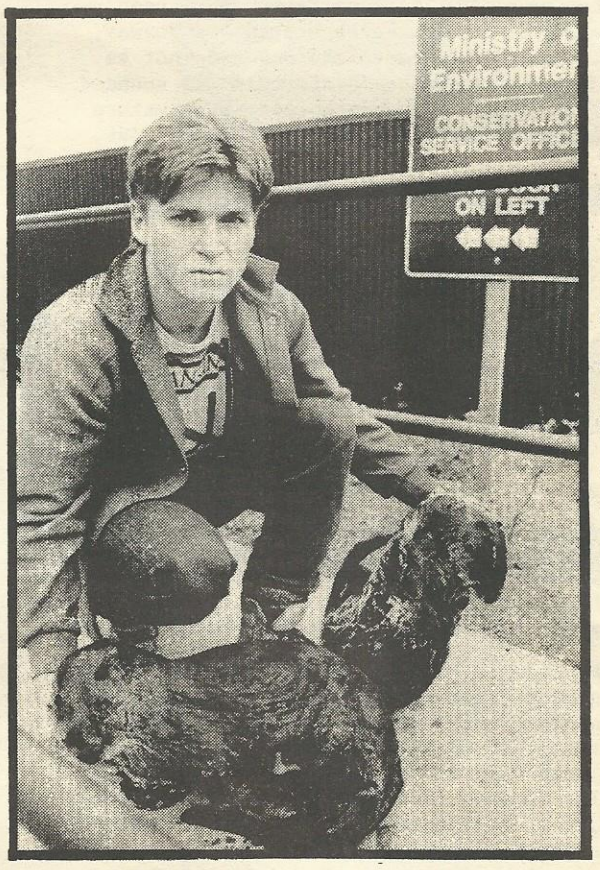
Anti-fouling paints, containing extremely mutagenic compounds, are used to keep the pen nets 'clean'.

Growth hormones used with the chemical laced feed, speed the fattening of the fish and a few bank accounts.

Farmed fish, without some intervention, would have dull greyish flesh unlike the healthy pink colour of wild (free) salmon. So they are fed the synthetically produced compounds astazanthin and canthazanthin in order to colour the flesh pink. The state goons say they've no problems with any of these practices.

It's interesting to note here that the farming industry is strongly opposed to demands to label fish as 'Farmed' so that consumers know that they are not buying wild fish. What blows me away is that they can be so blatant, so obvious, and get away with it.

One 'minor' problem that doesn't often get mentioned is the existance of predators, who are the local animals that normally eat fish.



Two dead sea otters shot by Quality Sea Farms on Quadra Island. The company was charged with killing wildlife out of season.

They have always lived in these places. Locals report the disappearance of otters, sea lions, herons and ducks. These wild animals pose a threat to the efficient rape the fat-assed boys are into, and are treated as is any 'competition', with elimination.

Something a little more difficult to see is the spoiling of the area's waters. Several pens with30,000 or so fish in each will produce tonne upon tonne of shit (yep, fish do it too) laced with hormones, antibiotics, synthetic compounds, bacteria and viruses. This of course settles on

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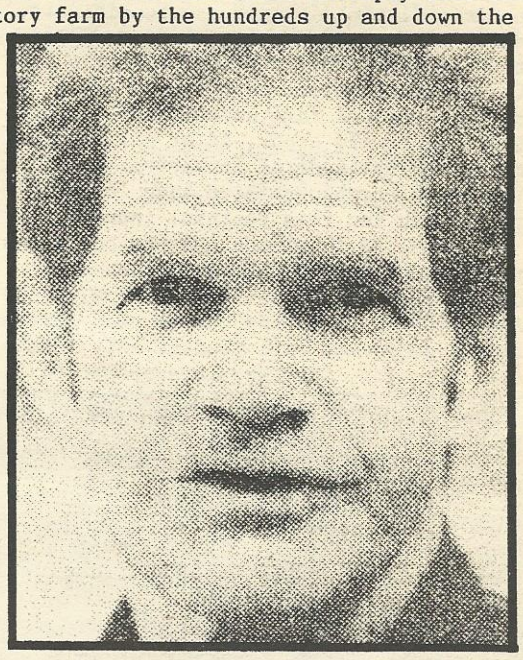
the ocean bottom, creating what has been described as an incredibly effective growth medium for 'super' strains of those viruses, bacteria and who knows what else. Multiply this one factory farm by the hundreds up and down the coast



Ed Donaldson, "I'm a dick."

and we have a major problem on our hands. This raw sewage of course effects the entire life cycle of the immediate area and is eventually spread by tides and currents all over the coast. A Norwegian state fisheries ministry report to the Storting (parliament) stated,"Medicines and chemicals (and diseases,ed.) are spread in the environment and may have long term effects about which we, as yet, know too little."

On top of this, the biggest threat to wild salmon survival and our survival is genetic manipulation, or what the techno zombies call 'genetic improvement'. As with any hybridization the 'product' becomes further and further from it's wild origins. Salmon breeding programs emphasize speed of growth, efficient utilization of feed, time of maturation, fat content shape and disease resistance.

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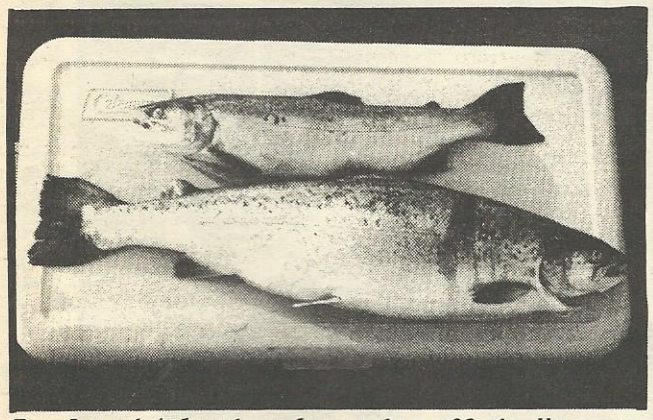
HOW TO KILL A COAST con't

Total domestication of wild salmon is still several generations away. Three (fish) generations ago, for example, penned fish could not survive densities greater than eight kilograms per cubic metre. Now, experimental densities of more than 200 kilos per metre have been achieved. At one research station in Norway, genetically manipulated cod now need not be penned at all. When a 'dinnerbell' is sounded they come into the pens to feed. When mature they will be called into the pen to harvest. Neat eh?!



Two farmed Atlantic salmon taken off the West coast Vancouver Island. phot, The West Coast Fisherman,

The head of Norway's Directorate for Nature Management (kind of like business management) Svein Aage Mehli and his colleages think genetic extermination due to the mixing of stray farmed fish with wild stocks is the greatest threat of all. Escaped farm fish, released by animals storms or negligence are spreading through Norway's coast. A survey of 54 salmon rivers found farmed salmon in 40% of them. Identification of farmed fish is fairly simple. After a few

"... the biggest threat to wild salmon survival and our survival is genetic manipulation, or what the techno-zombies call 'genetic improvement'"

years in the pens, their dorsal fins and tails are deformed and worn down. Biologist Dagfinn Gausen says, "Nearly every farmed salmon we have encountered is sexually mature. I believe a great proportion of these salmon are capable of spawning. The loss of locally adapted traits or characteristics can eventually exterminate the wild salmon as we know it today." There are 400 distinct races of Norwegian Atlantic salmon. Twenty-five of them are already extinct and fifteen are very weak. Farmed salmon are also escaping here on the BC coast.

Genetic pollution is less spectacular than disease or paracite epidemics, but capable of almost unimaginable devastation. All this and the BC government report on the industry still states, "... escaped farm salmon would rarely interbreed with wild stock, if at all."..Scum!

Locally, at the federal fisheries lab in West Vancouver, techno zombies have 'created' some freak fish for this youthful industry. Using hormones, Ed Donaldson and his colleages have taken young female chinook salmon and turned them into males that grew testes. These new males produce "mono-sex" sperm that carries only female genes and will produce only female offspring. Females, they say, are easier to manage and mature later than males so can grow to a larger size before harvesting. Ed calls them his "pets" and they are creating all female fish populations for BC farms. Over ten million of these females have been bred using sex manipulation technology and are dispersed up and down the coast. The 'mono-sex' sperm is so popular that last Fall seaplanes were lined up outside the laboratory picking up bags of milt (sperm) to fertilize eggs on their farms.

"It's tremendous!" says Bruce Bingham of Aquarius SeaFarms Ltd. It's expected that within a few years as many as 75 to 80% of fish on farms will be female.

Scientists here have also devised other powerful techniques for manipulating sex, fertility and size of fish. They helped isolate hormones now being produced and marketed by Syndel Laboratories that are injected into fish to induce sperm and egg production.

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They've devised a method of using pressure shocks to double and triple the number of chromosomes in fish. Four minutes at 9,000 pounds per square inch and one set of chromosomes becomes three. They can eliminate genetic material from sperm using ultra-violet light. This sperm is used to start eggs growing. The eggs are then zapped in a pressure shocker to double the chromosomes. The resulting fish have two sets of chromosomes from the mother and none from the father. These females can then be hormonally manipulated so that they produce sperm with only female genes.

Isn't it wonderful what science can do?! Talking to people and researching the facts about fish farms has been like getting kicked in the guts! All I can see is that it's like a few more nails in the coffin. How do we fight this latest plague? Well I am certainly not going to suggest writing your politician. Not only is it probably a waste of time considering the state is hard behind the development of this industry, admonishments to write your local pimp only serve to reinforce brainwashing that any change must come through the parliamentary process. Real change, revolutionary change, won't.

"Well I am certainly not going to suggest writing your politician."

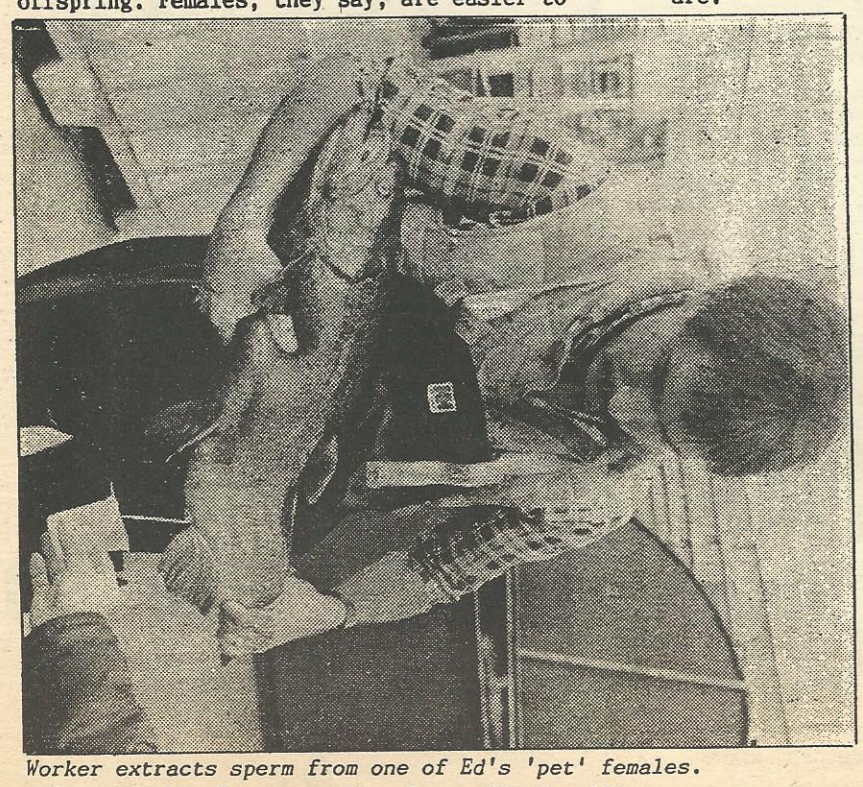
So what else is there? Seems to me that these farms spreading up and down the coast are extremely vulnerable to attack. Widespread, low-level sabotage could cripple the industry. A few pounds of your favourite organic poison can take out hundreds of thousands of these in minutes. That's what somebody told me anyhow. Of course I'm not suggesting anybody do anything as ~~simple~~ crazy as that. Hey! Any other ideas?

While the following groups and periodicals are good sources of information, as is usually the case, none of them see patriarchal 'civilization' and capital(ism) as the root of these and indeed all of our problems.

There's no reforming the patriarchy or capital! They've got to be destroyed before we all are!

Happy Trails!

Chester H.



Worker extracts sperm from one of Ed's 'pet' females. salmon farm in Rasmussen Bay, Lund, BC, May '88

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THE AGE OF

JANE CAPUTI,

Jane Caputi is an American scholar. In The Age of Sex Crime she's written ".... a feminist analysis of the sexualized serial murder of women by men in modern Western society....". The usual treatment of this subject is lurid and sado-pornographic; recent examples include the local(Vancouver) print media's series of articles about the murders of women in the sex trade, a re-run of a T.V. mini series about Ted Bundy, a T.V. series UnSub that features a new sex murderer each week, and the entire Halloween I, II, etc...,/Texas Chain Saw Massacre genre of snuff-porn movies. The popular Robert Parker has recently weighed in with a novel, Crimson Joy that features the graphic, detailed murder of several women, and a pop-psycology ending that explains it all by blaming the killer's mother. Doing so he echoes every third or fourth paperback on the racks.

The Age of Sex Crime is an entirely different piece of work. Caputi writes as a scholar and as a radical feminist. She sees serial murder as counter-revolutionary violence and ideology, a response by men to the feminist movements of the past century.

"She was a prostitute or a drunk or hitch-hiked; she brought it on herself."

She calls Jack the Ripper "the father of the Age of Sex Crime." In 10 weeks in 1888, five prostitutes were killed and mutilated in a quarter-mile square neighbourhood in the London slums. The man who killed them wrote taunting letters to the press; the press had a field day, romanticizing the "Ripper" and detailing the violence he did to these women in lurid, pornographic detail. No story was without the note that these were prostitutes, poor, low-status and female - ideal targets for patriarchal violence.

Jack was the first example of a modern phenomenon - the serial sex-killer. From him in 1888 to the Green River Killer, the pattern repeats. The killer is always a man; the victims usually poor women, prostitutes, women of colour(when male, the victims are boys). The killer frequently mutilates the women; the press always reports the murders with a pornographic excitement and with "blame the victim" attention to the life and work of the murdered. She was a prostitute or a drunk or hitch-hiked; she brought it on herself. The killer and the media create together an atmosphere of terror in the lives of women.

"The Freudian, the gynecologist and the sex-criminal all explain their activity in similar terms."

This terror is political; the phenomenon emerges at the same moment in history as gynecology and Freudian psychology. Together, these new structures are a secular, and modern, replacement for the Inquisition and witch-hunters of the middle-ages. They are structures of political terror. They work to kill women, to sexually mutilate them, and to invade their most private inner lives. The Freudian, the

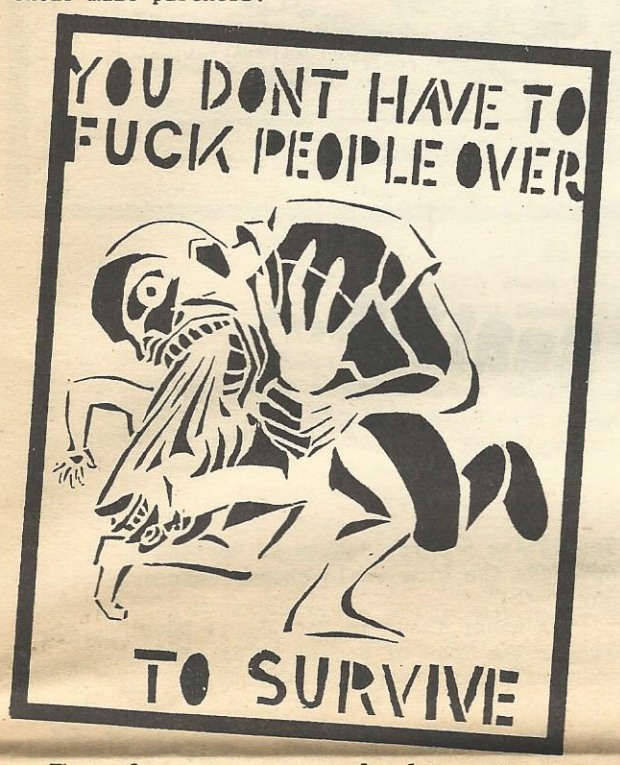
SEX CRIME

The Women's Press, 1988

gynecologist and the sex-criminal all explain their activity in similar terms. They are acting decisively to deal with the dis-order, the disease and the uncleanliness that is essentially female.

This set of connections will seem far fetched to some. It seems less so as Caputi details her evidence. For example, the Ripper calls himself a doctor in his press releases; pioneer gynecologists prescribed surgery for "troublesomeness, eating like a ploughman, masturbation, attempted suicide and 'simple cussedness'"; Freudians explain sex-killers in ways that blame mothers and mates for the man's murderous violence.

By 1982, 18% of the murders in the United States were recognized as the work of serial killers(doubtless a low figure; many murdered women are written off as "missing") An additional 40% of murdered women were killed by their male partners.



These figures are part of a larger pattern - men dominating women economically, ideologically and physically - the pattern of violence, exploitation and lies feminists have been exposing over the past century. This pattern, patriarchy, is enforced in many ways. The Age of Sex Crime exposes and explains a particularly ugly form of enforcement - serial murder and the complex of media-pornography and 'professional' distortion that surround it.

"As men, we need to face the structures of terror and violence that support our gender privilege."

The Age of Sex Crime is a disturbing book, difficult to read. Nevertheless, I recommend you read it. It is an especially important book for anti-authoritarian men. As men, we need to face the structures of terror and violence that support our gender priviledge. Face them, and join with feminist women to change them. At the end of his career Freud claimed - dishonestly - that he still didn't know what women wanted. Well, what do they want? Caputi's book is a powerful addition to the feminist literature that answers the question. Women want men to stop killing raping and battering them and their children. They want us to stop working them twice as hard for half as much money. They want us to stop using pornography that re-enforces and justifies these unfair behaviors. They want us to share the money that comes easier to us than it does to them. They want us to do our share of the work of raising children and tending the ill and the old. They want us to unlearn the sexism that makes real man-woman partnership impossible. In the profoundest sense, they want us to grow up.

Caputi's book closes with reflections on the links between the ideology of serial murder and the ideology of nuclear war. She suggests that a feminist critique of both points the way forward from the horrors she records to whatever slim hopes we can still hold for a decent, human future.

Although this is a heart-breaking book in many ways, it is in the end a passionate call to action for justice; it never collapses into despair. For this tough minded analysis and determination, it is a book I recommend to all activists.

Tom Sandborn

POLITICAL HYPOCRACY & POLITICALLY 'AWARE' MEN

This is a massive subject to tackle and extremely difficult to be humourous about so I won't bother..... I find the level of political hypocracy prevalent in the left or alternative scene manically depressing - a choice and obvious example being 'politically aware' men and their response or lack of response to patriarchal politics.

It's annoying when people vehemently protest the unfair privileges of any group except the one in which they have the privileges. It makes you a bit dubious of their political integrity as, essentially, it's emulating the finger pointing tactics of sleazy big politics and there's nothing alternative in that.

If you can't recognize your own role in an oppressive/oppressed system, it's not very credible to demand that other people do.

Sexism, Racism and ignorance are understandable in the under-privileged and under-educated, but for people who have been exposed to alternative ideas and ways of thinking and profess to live by them it smacks of hypocracy not to deal with oppression in their own life as well as on a larger scale.

Judging by the global situation it seems to be the prevalent attitude amoung privileged groups everywhere. What is the difference between such so-called 'radicals' and a bunch of liberals? Where do you draw the line between political analysis and action, and verbal and intellectual masturbation?

Besides the economic desparities, the common acknowledgement of sexism seems to be of the more extreme manifestations of patriarchal conditioning such as rape and physical violence. Many men who have no taste for blood and guts and voice a personal abhorance to such activities henceforth consider themseves non-sexist and don't much bother to examine the basic foundation which permeates every level of society and affects every individual.

"What is the difference between such so-called 'radicals' and a bunch of liberals?"

That no great transcendence of sexual conditioning has taken place in the 'politically aware' segment of the male population is depressingly obvious. Take for example some of the well respected cultural heroes such as Burroughs, Genet, Nietzche and Henry Miller(to name a few). A certain degree of brilliance does not put a literary figure above question. It's worth noting misoginy, racism, etc, particularly in those whose words expound on ideas of rebellion against structures, transcendence, freedom,etc. What would men think if the foremost intellectuals were like Andrea Dworkin(also brilliant) who just happens to think men are ethically and intellectually inferior(to put it mildly). And what if this attitude was considered by general readers a point too petty to take note of as is the case with Burroughs, Miller, Nietzche and Genet? It's indicative that misogyny is perfectly acceptable (if not respected) in our culture.

There are many examples of sexism on the more mundane level. Some of the much talked about idiosyncracies of 'aware' men being;

- the ability to ignore, listen to, or participate in sexist discussions without looking the least bit embarrassed. (this ability does not extend to racism, etc)
- to express alliance to feminist thinking while leaving the dishes and the toilet bowl to the female room-mates.
- to talk about getting in touch with one's feminine side as synonymous with realizing one's weaknesses and vulnerabilities
- to make statements like "I love women"... think about it..(I love blacks, or, some of my best friends.....)
- feel that a protective attitude is non-sexist. aggressors and protectors both need victims
- don't bother much with feminist rallies or making a strong personal stand against patriarchy.
- while militant action is often supported or condoned in other oppressed groups, in women it's often labelled over-emotional, too strdent, too personal, etc,. (if you can't be nice about it don't expect me to listen)

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These are but a few examples of the effects of patriarchy on men. It's as if politics is all theory and the mundane day to day affects of it or the ugliness of it are not worth paying attention to as if they are too mundane or too ugly.

This is another notable characteristic of many men. A propensity to divide human beings into separate and autonomous bits like; emotional, intellectual, physical, etc, - some bits being more worthy of development than others. There's an element of political dogmatism which gives credence only to hard, cold analysis (economics, production, etc,) without making correlations with other political factors like conditioning. It doesn't really matter in the larger sense which group of men gets power next. The concepts of oppression/oppressed, privileged and under-privileged are firmly internalized by patriarchal society (which is every society) and will continue to perpetrate and manifest themselves in other groups until people take responsibility or the planet blows itself to bits.

The effects of Patriarchal politics on women, from violence, rape, economic desparity and aforementioned 'normal' things is the repetetive message that your gender and female role take precedence over your humanity. This is indecent and obscene and particularly so when the message is delivered by social peers and friends.

Conversely, many men maintain their privileges by denying their conditioning and continue to support the system they profess to hate and which is de-humanizing to both themselves and women.

Diane

COMRADES ARRESTED DURING EXPROPRIATION

Anarchists Alfredo Bonanno and Guiseppe Stasi were arrested on Thursday 2 February 1989.

The arrest took place following an expropriation in a jeweller's shop in Bergamo. The comrades were then transferred to prison in via Gleno 61-Bergamo, Italy.

The accusations against them are: armed robbery, grievous bodily harm and resistance against arrest.

On Monday 6 February the comrades were interrogated by the instructing judge. They declared that the robbery was carried out due to the personal need for money and that, as anarchists, they consider the redistribution of wealth in a society based on social and economic inequality to be just, a position that historically anarchists have always shared.

The comrades specified that any attempt by the judicial authorities to attribute other similar actions to them, or to presuppose, starting from this specific incident, the existence of a phantomic armed organisation, will be considered a frame-up intending to strike comrades actively engaged in the social struggle against exploitation and oppression daily more heavily.

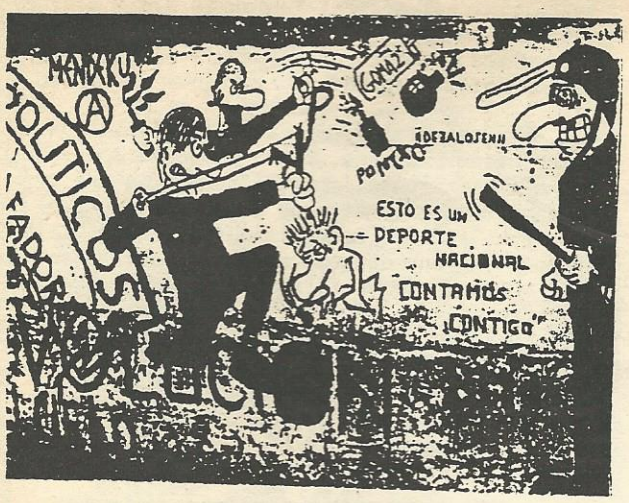
In fact, the instruction is still open, and the phantomatic constructions of the repressive organs remain to be seen.

To start with, on the same day as the robbery took place, a series of raids was carried out (obviously with no result) in the homes of anarchist comrades in Milan, Bergamo and Catania.

We intend to combat any attempt to isolate the comrades, and express our revolutionary solidarity with Guiseppe and Alfredo. We also mean to spread the maximum information on the case. We will mobilise against any attempt by the judicial-police organs to construct frame-ups of any kind.

In the general meeting held in Rome on 11 February 1989, it was decided to open a fund to meet trial costs. Whoever desires to contribute to it can do so through the current postal account 16464950 in the name of Carmela Di Marca, Catania.

The anarchists present at the meeting in Rome.

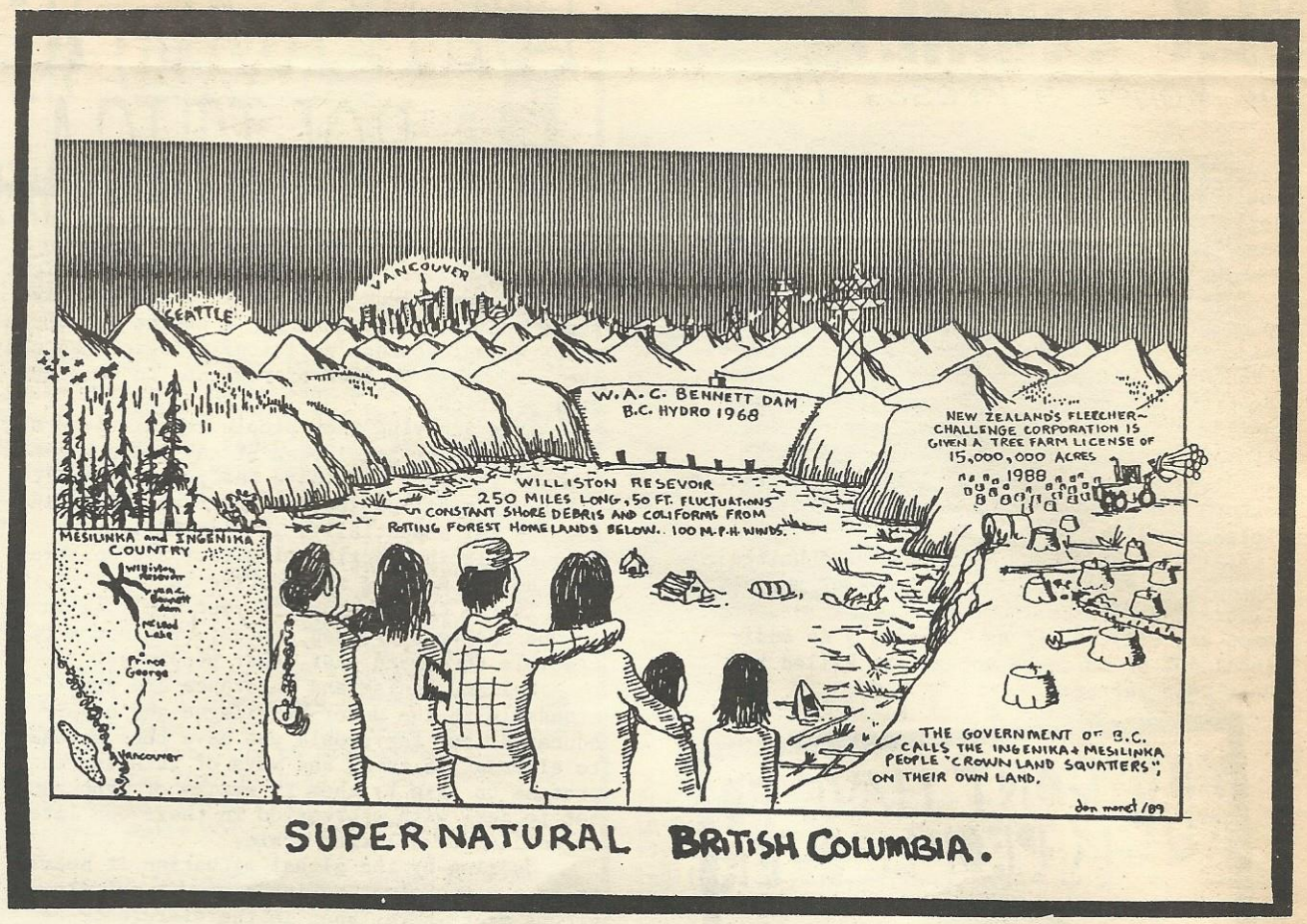


SABOTAGING SHELL!

The following is taken from a handbook in Holland that describes the methods used by anti-Shell activists.

1. The hoses: Use a hack saw. Watch out for gas spray. The gas nozzles can be taken away. Don't touch the LPG hoses as escaping gas is highly inflammable. Obviously do not have any naked flames.
2. Payment Screens: these can be painted over or broken.
3. Gas Tanks: If you can open the entrances to the outlets, sugar, paint, or other material can be tipped in. Padlocks over the outlets can be broken with bolt cutters.
4. The Shop: Usual stuff: paint jobs, glueing locks, graffitti.
5. Fire: Think alot about this. Very dangerous plus others. Not recommended unless well planned and when there is a guarantee of no injury to anyone. Best to start with the shop. Never go for the gas pumps or LPG themselves. Avoid gas stations in urban areas or near houses at all costs. If in doubt don't even consider it.

(The above is reprinted for no other reason than to provide insight into how the saboteurs work).



What's Up In Seattle ...

Sometimes you can hardly see the expresso bars for the rain and traffic, but Seattle does seem to have a growing political scene too. The two anti-authoritarian bookshops: Left Bank Books at 92 Pike St., and AKA/Left Bank distribution at 5241 University Way are rolling along. Both have a large stock of specifically anarchist titles, plus hundreds of feminist, ecological, art, used and 'left' books. The Left Bank collective is thinking hard on how to reduce their long running deficit. On the publishing front, Ecomedia Seattle have just put out the first issue of their news bulletin. All 600 copies went fast and feedback has been very positive. Issue #2 should be out late March, keeping it roughly tri-weekly. Meanwhile issue #3 of the more in depth, personal, and artistically inclined Possessed (..."A journal of ink on dead tree matter"...) is still around. So far every issue of Possessed has been different from the last. Who knows what #4 will look like?!

The Seattle Shell boycott is a diverse coalition of groups opposed to Shell's involvement in South Africa. Every week a group from the coalition carries out a picket of a Shell gas station. The pickets normally attract 5-15 people, and are very effective in publicising the boycott and drastically reducing the gas stations business. The same group is planning a mock funeral to Shell's offices here on March 21 to commemorate the 21st Anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre. The previous day Citizens in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, and Pledge of Resistance are planning a civil disobedience outside the downtown federal building. A non-violent, passive, resistance free blockade is planned. Both demos are planned for early morning- great for rush hour snarl ups! Hopefully other groups and individuals will take part in the planned events- or create their own. The endangered but unprotected (like the old growth forest it lives in) Spotted Owl continues to create controversy. See the most recent issue of Washington EF! (P.O. Box 2962, Bellingham, WA 98227, U.S.A.) Environmentalists want the species on the protected list-which would also stop a lot of old growth logging. Powerful logging interests, the forestry service and other federal government agencies are doing everything they can to justify their continued logging. All their activities ignore the scientific evidence that the owl is in danger. The issue is portrayed as a case of jobs and economic stability, (logging revenues help pay for education in Oregon) against protecting'just another bird'. On february 28 300 loggers and truckers demonstrated in Olympia (all paid for by the logging companies), for them it was a clear-cut choice for their economic survival. A sign beside Interstate 5 says: " Kids or Spotted Owls." Methinks the kids would choose owls over schoold any day!

A major issue in Seattle is housing, or rather the lack of access to it. Unless you are lucky enough to qualify for welfare (and very few do) you either find a job and work all week just to pay rent, or you become one of the thousands of homeless. Many live in the streets, in night shelters or run down hotels. A growing number are beginning to sleep in the hundreds of empty buildings here. Not as a political choice but out of economic necessity. The trouble is that empty houses can also become crack houses;fucking up the whole area as well as peoples heads.

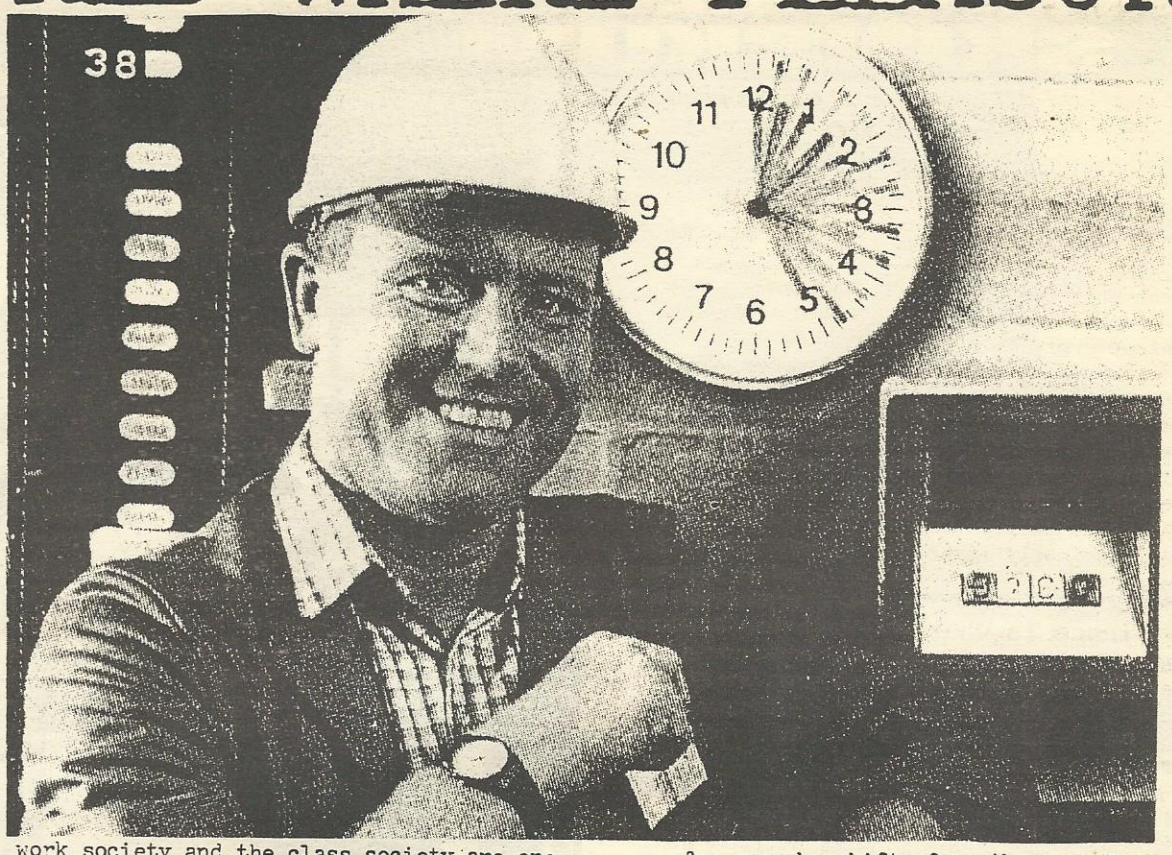
The official housing activists are for more progressive and dare I say it, 'radical' (whatever that really means) from their equivalent in many other cities. In January an attempted mass occupation included a director of a housing shelter and other full time housing employees-plus a number of homeless people themselves. The Seattle displacement coalition is a diverse mixture of people-liberals to anarchists. What makes it diificult is that it actually does stuff at a street level-from demos to pickets with accompanying street feeds. This street level pressure helps to radicalise otherwise liberal tendencies and makes the housing crisis so much more of a real political issue which should concern everybody.

At the same time a small group of people have turned to squatting to meet their housing needs. Over the last year there has been a succession of squatted houses. Some lasted only a few weeks before cops/owners gave the notice to get out or face charges, one lasted almost a year. Levels of comfort vary from shelter alone, to heat, light, and hot running water. It all depends on the house. Squatting a house isn't that difficult, and on a day to day level not particularly illegal either. As far as I know no one has been busted just for squatting. All it takes is to scout out potential houses-empty, abandoned and not too run down. Then you check out the ownership situation with city records. Recently purchased houses are not a good bet- someone may be moving in soon. If the neighborhood and neighbors look ok, then you just get access to the house (looking like trades people helps) - change the locks and you have yourself the beginning of a free home. The aim here at the moment is to create a squatting community rather than just isolated places to crash!

That's about it for now, maybe in the near future there will be more cooperation between Seattle and Vancouver. The border is a drag-but it's not impossible!

-The Underground Space Needle.

FOR A WORLD WHERE PLEASURE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN PAIN



People have to be broken in for years before they are willing to accept the loss of one third of their time to working; not to mention the other two thirds of their time which is spent recuperating from work. The whole process begins with school. At five or six years old we are initiated into the world of submission and discipline. After a long, boring day being conditioned to accept half-truths and lies, we are expected to return home with more work (homework!) Ideologists maintain that work is necessary, because they equate the production of commodities with social wealth. But being rich doesn't necessarily mean that you lead an exciting or happy life, it just means that you own a lot of objects.

Society leads many of us to believe that, if we work hard enough, we can lead this mythical 'good life', thereby condemning us to mind-numbing work at some idiotic activity with the goal of obtaining ridiculous objects. Many others, regardless of whether they have seen through this lie or not, are coerced into working, usually at unhealthy, unpleasant, low-paying jobs, just for enough cash to get by. For those of us who know that we'll never have the 'quality goods' that capital promises, no matter how hard we work, we often feel miserable and frustrated with our material poverty, even if we know that even the most expensive objects really aren't "worth" anything.

For women, productivity , apart from their unpaid work at home and underpaid wage work in the market, also takes the form of reproductive work. As a gender class their primary function within capitalism has been to bear and care for children in order to secure the next generation of workers, or to help the father/husband recuperate from his wage-slavery by being perpetually attractive happy and submissive.

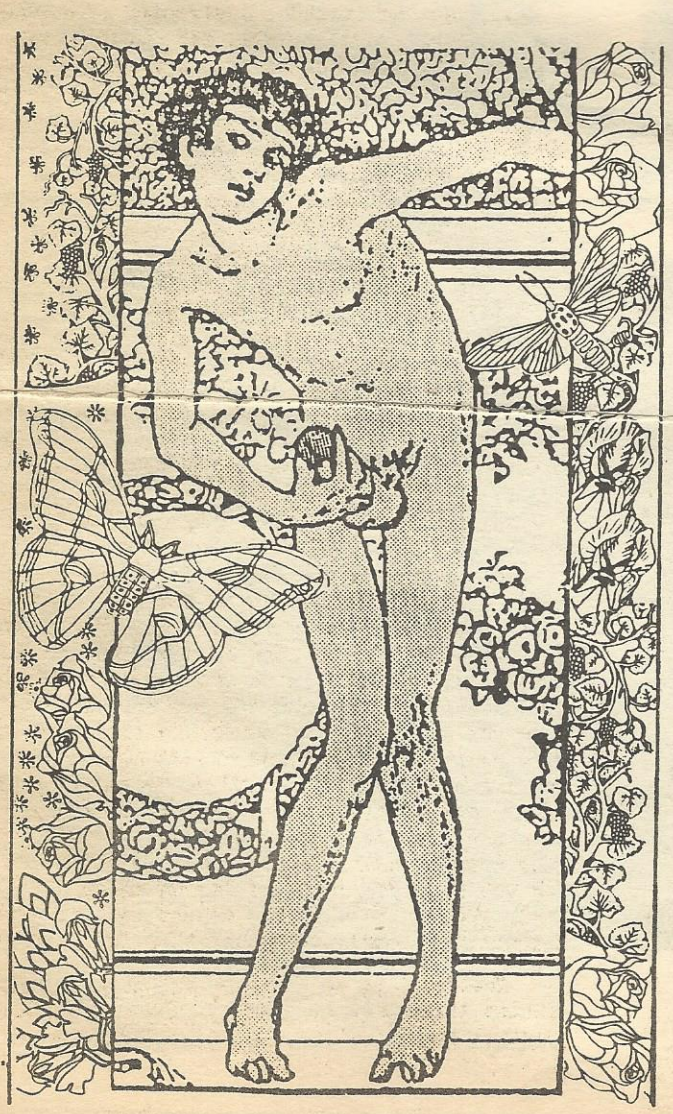
All those hours lost on the job, all those unfulfilled desires, and in return most of us get a salary, the reward for having participated in commodity-production. And, the only thingwe can do with this reward(money) is acquire more commodities (things for sale). A salary gives access only to what is marketable. Unfortunately there is no way that it can make life any more fullfilling (beyond basic needs i.e. food, clothing, shelter, etc.)

The pleasure we give up in order to work is never returned to us. If we have to work, the reasons are not natural, but social. The work society and the class society are one and the same. The master wants the slave to produce, because only what is produced can be owned. The capitalist doesn't give a shit about the pleasure possible in any activity, because this pleasure cannot be stocked up, accumulated or translated into money. Before capitalism turned our planet into a vast work machine, many peoples including some North American indians, had the same word for work and play.

When we work we are totally subservient to an outside authority. Our existence has little, if any, sense, its purpose being the production of merchandise. Obviously all this does not mean that each individual worker is a silly moron, nor does it mean that organizing ourselves in the workplace is a reactionary thing to do. To create a world where pleasure is more important than pain,will require getting our shit together. And the first step in that direction is to resist being reduced to workers, to humiliating cogs in a productive apparatus that belongs to someone/something else (capitalists/capital). This means that the emphasis in our struggle for anarchy shifts from the workplace and becomes subordinate to our neighborhoods, affinity groups, squats, circles of friends and other attempts at re-creating community. Because in the end, who really wants to work in a factory or a mine? There has always been revolutionary anti-work resistance, just as there has always been opposition to all forms of slavery. In North America it's often expressed not only in the destruction of machinery, but in absenteeism, theft, slowdowns, wildcats, and a large variety of 'games' that we use as relief from the monotony and sadness of work.

A general strike? Of course, but not for control of the workplace, but for its abolition. By organizing ourselves in this way, not only against wages and bosses, but against work itself, our resistance itself will have the chance of being part of the basis of future truly free and truly pleasurable communities.

Parts of this were plagiarized from an anonymous poster called:'Abolish Wage Labour', most of it however was written by Amigo.



A lot of us have difficulty accepting sexual and erotic expressions that conflict with our own perspectives. Our reactions to these are usually intensely emotional and any phobias are often hidden behind an intellectual armor. This is what happened when Jerking Off, a zine put out by a group of people within the Queer Anarchist Network, appeared in the summer of 1987. It brought out considerable fear and confusion in the anti-authoritarian milieu, most notably at Montreals Alternative Bookstore, where it was originally banned.

Personally I was thrilled by the appearance of J.O., which included original and reprinted queer sex-positive stories, collages,AIDS/safe-sex info, and the personal story of Karl Ahlers, arrested for having sex with teen-aged boys. C.O., which came out in November of '88, includes articles on Radical Faeries, more uninhibited short stories and safe sex info., more humorous collages, and other stuff. It ends with a rather poetic short piece by a lesbian who becomes 'omnisexual' through a voyeuristic fantasy.

J.O. and C.O. are about queer erotica and about a desire to lead unrepressed, consensual sexual lifestyles. Sounds good, but I question the notion of 'consensuality' as the guiding principle in determining what sexual activity we should or shouldn't be encouraging.For instance, to what extent can a paedophiliac relationship be consenting (egalitarian?) in an ageist society? This is the same question wimmin have been asking about hetero. relationships and it has to be examined. My only real problem is this apparently uncritical view taken of all queer sexuality, though in a society where straight sex is virtually compulsory, that's an understandable urge.

Overall I felt very positive about both issues. I appreciate them because there aren't many forums that exist in which our erotica is not debased by being reduced to a commodity, and I especially enjoyed the feeling of spontaneity, as well as the playfullness and the humour. There's also lots of explicit sexual expression here (that's what it's all about!) which in itself confronts the conformity and puritanism of this boring and sexually repressed planet. I'm dissapointed, but not at all surprised, at the reaction of the leftists and anarchists at Alternative Bkshop. It angers and saddens me that a clearer message of support and solidarity wasn't extended to the folks involved in this project. Not all of us have the integrity and courage to explore and be honest with ourselves, let alone others, about our sexuality (in large part because of repression). Unless we create supportive spaces for that to happen, a liberatory sexuality will remain a theoretical ideal and not a real possibility.

Amigo

There are now a number of anarcho-queer projects. Here are a few addresses:

Homocore Zine
World Power Systems
P.O. Box 77731
San Francisco, CA
94107
U.S.A.
1.00 U.S. per issue Canada and U.S.
2.00 everywhere else.

Aqua
P.O. Box 1251, Canal St. Station, New York, NY 10013. USA
"On a queer day you can see for ever."
Queer Anarchist. Free to lesbian/gay men in prison.

Coming On/JERKING OFF
P.O. Box 69601
Stn. K
Vancouver, B.C.
v5k 4w7
Suggested donation 2.00
(or pick one up at Spartacus Books)

Androzine
c/o B. Peuportier
B.P. 192, 75623 Paris, Cedex 13, France
Queer anarchist magazine. Free to lesbians/gay men in prison.

SKINSKUM SKINSKUM

Skinhead fukheads showed up at a pro-choice rally recently and distributed a news-sheet called Life Gazette.

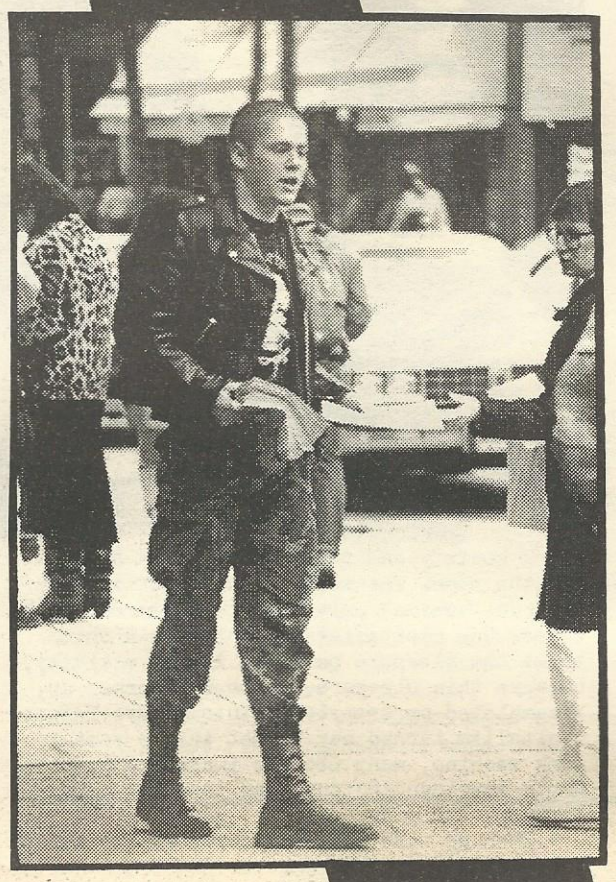
They remained very calm and took part in some extremely limited discussion. For discussion is not what they like to do. They like to crack heads.

Just about everyone was surprised to see them for a couple of reasons. One, that they had it together enough to actually show up at a rally. And two, they were together enough to bring along the papers. They obviously don't have the skill or the brains to produce the paper that they were handing out. What is alarming is that they've made the connections with the freako christian right.

Violence is what they understand. Violence is what they communicate. We must be prepared to speak their language.

There was only a few of them and a couple of younger wanna-be skins watching their every move. This is probably why there was no violence. They aren't known for their courage. They like a fight when they've got a large number advantage. But taking into consideration the explosive growth of the neo-nazi groups and ideologies recently, we should be well warned to prepare to deal with what have become the shock-troops of the fascistic right.

There is no doubt that the direction we are headed is towards an increasingly polarized society fueled by the crisis of western 'democracy'. The gulf between the 'ins' and the 'outs', the 'haves' and 'have nots' or the 'normals' and the 'radicals' is widening.



Skins are now a serious threat to be reckoned with in major cities all over Europe, North and South America. They don't like to dicuss things. They are very messed up. Violencece. This is what they understand. They communicate violence. We must be prepared to speak their language.

Attacks by skins in Vancouver are scattered and relatively few. They are limited mostly to the street/punk scene. But reports are that they are growing and we hear that "there's alot in Surrey". Toronto and Montreal are experiencing of skin activity. There was a 'whites only' rock concert in California recently. The Aryan Nations gathered at Whidby Island just south of our border a couple of months ago. A gathering of white supremacist groups is planned at a 'training centre in Idaho soon. These people are sick. The mainstream climate of repression and reaction feeds their tiny brains. Lets not be caught offgaurd.

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Life Gazette is produced in Surrey. It claims a circulation of 135,000. The contents were a mixture of gay-hate and women-hate articles. It claims,"Life Gazette is non-partisan in politics and biblical in religious perspective... with coverage extending around Right to Life issues and the Principles of a Democratic society under the Supremacy of God." Their address is Northstar Free Press Inc., 10688 King George Hwy, Surrey, BC, Canada, Box 498, V3T 5B7.

In the past, reasonable people, attempting to avoid violent confrontations have waited too long before attacking this disease in our midst. So this time we'll be ready! Finally we've learned!

In the past, reasonable people have waited too long before attacking.... This time we'll be ready. Finally we've learned.

Local skins passing out gay and women-hate literature in Life Gazette. The cops had a real nice friendly chat with one of them. I guess they must've had some things in common. Skins speak the language of violence. Let's talk to them with hard and heavy objects applied to their brains.

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LIFE GAZETTE

SODOMITE INVASION PLANNED FOR 1990

- by Noble Green

While Vancouver City Council are daydreaming, a well organized sodomite lobby is gleefully inviting homosexuals from around the world to the 1990 Vancouver Gay Games. Invitations to the Games have gone as far afield as Australia.

No one appears to have considered the health problem likely to occur when 9,000 homosexuals converge on the lower mainland and City of Vancouver, least of all City Council.

The New York Times, (see Rueda "The Homosexual Network"), quotes a doctor familiar with the Gay community as saying that the "average homosexual" is a "tropical island of exotic diseases." This is understandable as many of their practices centre around human waste and urine.

The 1952 Immigration Act endeavoured to limit the spread of disease by prohibiting international travel by homosexuals. This was reversed when the 1976 Immigration

Lawyer Roger Magnusson reports the following in his book, "ARE GAY RIGHTS RIGHT":

"While 'gay rights' laws have been in effect for the last decade in San Francisco, the city has seen a sharp increase in the veneral disease rate to 22 times the national average; infectious hepatitis A increased 100% infectious hepatitis B 300%; amoebic colon infections increased 2,500%. Veneral disease clinics in the city saw 75,000 patients every year, of whom close to 80% were homosexual males; 20% of them carried rectal gonorrhea."

For hundreds of years the Bible has contained wise health advice regarding this practice:

"If a man lie with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination.... (Lev 20:13ff; Rom. 1:18-32; Ex 22:19, Lev 18:22-26, I Tim. 1:8-10).

Responsible observers are advocating quarantine and restriction of movement for those choosing to practise such perversions and who are frequently infected with communicable diseases.

Have we left the pathway of common sense in our quest to protect the rights of this 4% of the population whose numbers are rapidly dwindling due to the deadly AIDS virus?

Why not write to the Vancouver City Council and remind them of their duty to safeguard the health and safety of the public. Write to - Vancouver City Council, 453 West 12th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

THE END OF SVEND?

- by Michael Smythe

However Warren states, "I didn't even mind when he appeared with a gold earring for the first time. But the outrageous outburst in the House of Commons last week leaves me stunned and saddened. In the middle of a

from outer space) will think if they ever weeks version of the federal Hansard."

Warren goes on to state that for an "MP like Robinson to drag is buggery

JUSTIFICATION OF THEFT CON'T.

The people evolve each day. Can you see that , learning these truths, conscious of their rights, all the starving all the beggars, in one word all your victims, armed with a burglar jemmy, wage war on your belongings to take back all the wealth that they've created and you've stolen from them? I quite think the opposite. If they thought about it well, they'd prefer taking all the risks, than to fatten you moaning in poverty. Prison... deportation... gallows ... you will threaten us with. But what prospect are these compared with a life of degradation made of all the suffering? The miner who struggles for his bread in the womb of the earth, never seeing the sunlight, can perish at any moment, victim of an explosion.

The tiler who walks on the rooves can fall and be reduced to dust. The sailor knows the date of his departure, but ignores if he'll ever come back to the port. A good number of other workers catch fatal diseases while doing their jobs. They poison, kill and exhaust themselves in order to create wealth for you. Even the police, your lackeys, who for a bone that you give them to gnaw, sometimes find death in the struggles against your enemies. Stuborn in your selfishness, you remain skeptical in the face of this , isn't that so? 'The people are scared', you seem to say. 'We govern by the fear of repression. If it screams, we'll throw it to jail. If it moves, we'll deport it to the colonies. If it takes action, we'll guillotine it'. Wrong calculations, sirs, believe me. The punishments that you inflict are not a cure against acts of revolt. Repres-ion, far from being a cure only worsens the pain. Corrective measures can only sow hatred and vengeance. It's a fatal cycle. And even more , since you slice the head off, since you populate prisons and colonies with convicts, have you stopped hatred from showing itself? Say? Answer! Facts prove your powerlessness! On my behalf I knew clearly that my behavior could have only resulted in deportation or the gallows. You must know this isn't what stopped me. If I thieved, it is not a question of principle, of rights. I preferred t- keep my freedom, my independance, my dignity, than to make myself the agent of a masters fortune. In cruder terms, with no euphimismes, I preferred bieng thief than thieved. Indeed I also disapprove the means by which someone violently and cunningly siezes the fruits of someone else's labor. But it precisely for that that I waged war on the rich, thieves of poor peoples goods. I also would like to live in a society where theft wouldn't exist. I disapprove of theft, and have only used it as a way of revolt, to combat the most injust of all thefts ; individual property.

To destroy an effect, you must beforehand destroy it's cause. If there is theft it is only because there is plenty on the one hand and scarcity on the other; only because everything belongs to a few. Struggle will only disappear when people will share their joys and sorrows, their work and wealth, when all will belong to all.

PROLETARIAN SHOPPING

Revolutionary anarchists, I've done my revolution, let anarchy come

Alexander Marius Jacob

Translated from french(black & blue)

LETTERS

ON THE ATTACK!

Firefighters battle to control the blaze which wrecked Dingles, the House of Fraser store in Plymouth, on Monday night. Police suspect arson

PHOTOGRAPH: MARC HILL

Dear No Picnic Comrades,

well,talk about anarchy bieng chaos, talk aboutanarchists being disorganised....it's all true! About 10 years after you wrote to us and sent us some back copies of No Picnic, plus a nice letter from Amigo, we have finally got around to replying to you. As they say, better late than never. Firstly, Thanks a lot for the good recommendation we got in 'No Picnic'- we are now in communication with a prisoner in the USA through your mention of us. And it was great to see you reprinting the article on prisons and prison struggles- repitition is the highest form of flattery!

We were impressed by 'No Picnic', particularly by its energy and refusal to blindly follow one rigid line of politics. Obviously, there are major differences between the general situation in Canada and the UK, which clearly affects thought and practice. A few months back we had an interesting discussion with a person from the Fifth Estate collective about this, we were saying that to us ecological and land rights struggleswere not very important compared to the general class struggle, while she was saying that to many revolutionaries in America, there was no class struggle as we would percieve it, so people got involved with what we would call 'marginal' issues. It was a good discussion and, despite our differences, we learnt a lot from it. Certainly, we do not reject or ignore land rights demand-, but to us in this country, the main battle is that of the working class against the ruling class and this is a battle that will be fought out in the streets and workplaces.

That said, we can definately learn a lot from each other's experiences. Obsession leads to rigidity and rigidity leads to nowhere! (Thats our attempt to be deep and meaningful and get the Taoist vote!). We were very interested to read the debate between 'Resistance' and other elements. For ourselves, we have become increasingly hostile towards groups such as the Red Army Faction, Action Directe, Fighting Communist Ceells, etc and papers such as 'Resistance' that support and publicise them. We see the strategy and politics of these groups as offering no way forwards. Our view would be different if these groups actually had a base within the working class (like the IRA in the 6 Counties) rather than a base in the middle class student/political drop-out milieu and if these groups did not have such an overwhelming sense of their self-importance. It is time that revolutionaries made a clear and decisive break from these groups and stopped bieng awestruck just by the fact that they were 'doing something'. In this country, a damn sight more damage is done by school kids burning down their prisons than the RAF have ever done! Such obsession with elitist militarism of the highest form is a clear sign of powerlessness. Our attitude towards groups such as the Vancouver 5, the Animal Liberation Front (in this country) and Revolutionary Anti-Racist Action (in Holland) is not nearly as severe, but we certainly support much more generalized proletarian damage and mass movements of the working class against capitalism. We would be interested to read what you think about all of the above. One final point- when will all these various groups start writing in a fashion that everyone can easily understand?

There has not been much going on in this country in any major fashion. There has been several major eruptions in the Health Service with thousands of nurses' going on strike against general cut backs in the NHS and their wages. It is a considerable step forward for nurses to take strike action, especially as there is all this government sponsored propaganda of them being 'caring angels'. But their struggle has been sabotaged by union divisions and failure to realise the absolute necessity of extending their strike to other workplaces ,(although a few nurses did picket out other workplaces such as Frickley colliery in Yorkshire). To take a positive attitude, the general situation here could be hotting up - as inflation continues to increase and the government carries on boasting how well the economy is doing, then wage demands will inevitably rise and so there will be a wave of strikes...

the Poll Tax is bieng introduced in this country next year (they are already intoducing it in Scotland now)...and if history is correct then we are in for another hot summer(riots in 1981, 1985..1989?)...you've got to be optimistic

To add to the general ferment we are continuing with our activities. These consist of bieng a 'revolutionary propaganda group' that produces papers such as 'Attack' and in early 1989 will be producing a wonderful cartoon book detailing Tintin's battles against the bourgeosie, a pamphlet on the struggle in the 6 Counties a and hopefully another edition of 'Attack'. Incidentally (and we imagine that you can't), we are desperately short of cash so if you have any spare stashes lying around, could you please send some over?

The other side of our activity is practical work, through such groups as Anti-Fascist Action, Hackney Housing Action Group, Hackney Community Defense Association, etc,etc. A couple of weeks ago there was a great picket of Wormwood Scrubs prison where the Tottenham 3, (Winston Silcott, Mark Braithwaite, Raghip - done for the execution of PC Blakelock in the Tottenham riots of 1985) are held. The 3 got done with fuck all evidence, but obviously for the state it was pretty vital that they locked some people up for it - they don't like us to see that you can get away with offing one of their protectors! There were over 250 people on the picket and it was very lively and strong - and no-one was arrested!

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ON THE ATTACK!

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A couple of nights ago the ALF returned with a bang when they planted upto 10 incediary devices in department stores around the country. One of the stores completely burnt down to the ground! such a pity. It's all part of the ALF's campaign against the selling of furs which has been remarkably success-ful - a considerable number of stores have been closed down or stopped selling fur. Capitalism continues...but it is one small victory.

The pressure is undoubtably growing in this country - whether for the good or bad, we will not find out until the crunch comes. The state is savagely attacking the working class (eg the Poll Tax, the Housing Act, Welfare Cuts, etc) while the official 'opposition'(eg the Labour Party and the trade unions) are increasingly revealing themselves to be nothing more than the left-wing of capitalism, redundant to the needs and desires of the working class. So the battle lines are bieng drawn, there are no more fudging in the middle. The stakes are clear - but who is going to win the battle? That is the real question. Take loads of care and keep up the fight.....our day will come!

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Hello there No Picnicers;

Afew interesting things have happened in the U.K. since last year.

First off- Over the Xmas period a number of stores selling fur coats etc. were attacked. It's quite hard to get a clear picture of what happened and who, if anyone, claimed the attacks, but the discernable facts are:

20 DEC. '88

Harrods, Knightsbridge- DAMAGED

Selfridges, Oxford St.- DAMAGED

Some reports of water damage from activated sprinklers, but all the media sources just say "limited damage".

House of Fraser Store, Oxford St.- Device did not ignite which gives the Forensics Cops an easier time!

Howells, Cardiff in Wales- Lots of flood damage

Rackhams, Birmingham- Device defused

Barring Selfridges, all the stores are owned by House of Fraser, who suffered similar attacks last Xmas.

Dingles, Plymouth-Burnt down,millions damaged. Seems like the sprinklers were turned off- usually attacks are designed to cause maximum flood damage-whatever happened it seems likely that the intention was to burn it to the ground.....Ho hum!

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18 JAN. '89

Dickens & Jones, Milton Keynes(House of Fraser)- Also burnt down! Claimed by Animal Rights Militia who appeared about the time that theA.L.F. had maximum public support. They di a lot of spectacular actions (some o.k.-some dumb) but many people felt uneasy about the A.R.M.-ie:are they genuine activists using non-A.L.F. tactics or just cops or fur-trade provocateurs. Most animal rights actions get claimed by the A.L.F. which is great as it decentralizes all groups who undertake action. Recently different names have been used-eg: The Animal Defense League claimed an attack on a company director's car. Previously unheard of in the "scene" and nothing else claimed by them since-It's kinda hard to judge what motives are behind these kind of actions.

Anyway, on the same day as the actions against the department stores happened, someone sent out firebombs(parcel bombs) to- Fur Review and at Sadlers, a printing firm-(don't know if they print Fur Review), and to Ian Glynn, head of Cambridge University's Physiological Dept. AND on the same day as this, parcel bombs were sent to Geoffrey Dear, Head of West Midland Cops. Also, devices sent to local councillors and to Superintendent John Carter and West Midlands Police Authority member and ex-cop John Mellor.

This last round of devices (although a pretty crap tactic endangering post office workers-the first device exploded in Coventry main sorting station), may or may not have been sent by the B.L.F.(Black Liberation Front..... confusing innit?!)-In Feb. '87 the police strangled to death Clinton Mclurben in a store in Wolverhampton- He was being arrested on a cheque fraud in a shop and the police restrained him, but killed him. Some rioting occurred that day and later but not much. However, ever since that day a group calling themselves the B.L.F. have firebombed the Civil Offices and other places and also left car bombs! outside Walsall Magistrates Court and also outside Birmingham Road Police Station where Supt. John Carter (who received the Xmas parcel bomb) is the big cheese.

It's all very pecular-The B.L.F. doesn't seem to exist in any sort of political form-It just gets credited for the attacks in and around Wolverhampton. Whether it's angry residents, cops, or Faccists is the big question. It's certainly upped the stakes because the carbombs and letter bombs are described as "sophisticated and viable".

So far-no arrests for any of the above actions Oh Yeah! Just remember- somebody planted a firebomb in Country Casvals Clothes Shop in Bristol- It damaged it considerably but it is not connected (so far as I know) to any animal exploitation- However, it is next door to a fur shop, I read!! No reports in the Ⓐ press but the cops raided known Ⓐ houses in Plymouth.

Also now in operation is the Housing Bill which takes Council Estates and imposes a Housing Action Trust on them. This means the tennants vote whether they want the council as landlords or whether to privatise and sell the Estate to private landlords. The election works like this:

-No votes count against privatisation

-YES votes count for privatisation

-Abstentations+ non-cast votes+ squatters count as 'YES" votes!!!

If the tennants vote 'YES' they get money from the Housing Action Trust for repairs etc. What a scam!! If privatised, their rents would double in London.

Also happening this year-The privatisation of the water services and electricity industry. No doubt higher prices and reduced safety measures once business takes over and looks for cost-cutting schemes.

Also there's legislation for schools and hospitals to sell themselves off to private operators. Amazing!!! Let the market take over public institutions and fuck you if you can't pay.

The Social Security Payments (dole) is very tight up as well. The unemployment figures have fallen for 29 months in a row, from 3.1 million to 2.1 million. Sure, the figures have fallen but the number of unemployed people hasn't. The Government has changed the reasons to be registered as unemployed 18 times in the last 5 years. No wonder the figures have lost a million.

So there you are, U.K. '89 Ltd.

Sorry it's so much bad news at the end.

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LETTERS

ANTI-AUTHORITARIAN PRIMITIVISTS

Hello,

Just a note to inform No Picnic readers about the appearance of a new anti-undustrial, anti-authoritarian English language journal from Montréal. Although primarily a journal of analysis/theory, it will also include local news. The first issue contains an excerpt on Noriega from Guy Debord's recent Réflexions sur la Société du Spectacle; a long response to Chaz Bufe's article "Primitive thought", which appeared in the recent issue of Ideas and Action, the journal of the Workers' Solidarity Alliance, the american section of the anarcho-syndicalist International Workers' Association.More generally, the article is a critique of anarcho-syndicalism vis-a-vis ecology; a translation of a critique of national liberation movements by a member of the Montréal La Sociale group;a couple of brief responses to Murray Bookchin's ludicrous "libertarian municipalism"; a translation of a long article called "What is Society" which rejects any form of society, "past present or future" from the French journal L'Unique et son Ombre -sort of a reappraisal of the conflict between the individual and society from a post ultra-left perspective;an article on music by John Zerzan;"Feral Revolution:Rebelling against our domestication", by Feral Faun, and an article from the journal Interrogation pour la Communauté Humaine called: ' Questioning Ecology'.

The journal still has no name or p.o. box, but a copy can be obtained from Michael William,c/o Alternative Bookshop,2035 boul. St.-Laurent, Montréal, Québec,Canada h2x 2t3. Please send a No Picnic size self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Take care, and keep smashing the state, capital, technology and everything else that merits it.

Michael

This was found by a friend reading the international personals section of 'buy and Sell magazine. It was curious because she nor we ever read this section of that paper. When she found it she realized why she was reading it. Great surprise!

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DEAR anarchist comrades from "no picnic". Thanks for your magazine and best wishes from the "Anarchie-Shop" in Berlin. Love, freedom and luck. Yours A-Shop.

...seeks cor- ...nen. Your ...04092

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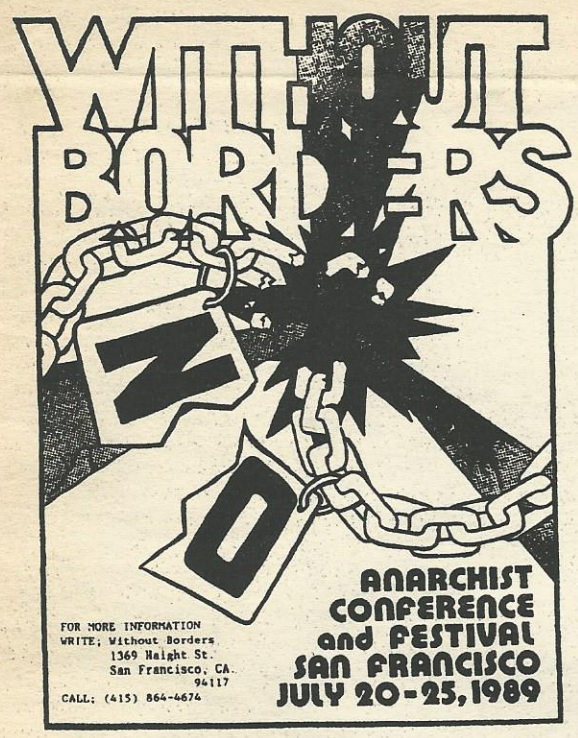

WORK RESISTERS

The Work Resisters Handbook is presently being assembled by J. Zerzan and M. Feralchilde, and they want your contribution. True stories of work resistance, how to do scams, and practical hints of consumption cures are all needed. c/o John, P.O.Box 11331, Eugene,OR. 97440 ASAP

NO MORE NAZIS

The Civil Liberties Union / Ligue Des Droits et Libertés is presently working on a dossier about the fascist skinhead movement. They would appreciate any and all information from different parts of N. America. What ties skins have to ultra-right groups, as well as publications and bands that promote racism and fascism. Their first dossier was due out in January. For more information contact: CLU, 1825, rue de Champlain, Montreal, Que. H2L 2S9 Canada

CLASS WAR

If you've seen Class War the paper and liked it you'll definately have to get a copy of "The Heavy Stuff' 1 and 2. Unlike the Class War paper which is an assortment of humour, news and views, The Heavy Stuff focus's on theoretical discussion. Topics range from "Culture Class and Politics' to that of ' What to do when the cops fuck off?' which deals with the illusion of State protectors and how do we come up with our own solutions to such things as anti-social acts in our communities. What I like about the discussions is that they get you thinking about non-hierarchical approaches regarding 'real' problems.

In The Heavy Stuff #2 they also have an interesting and humorous guide to the English Left. Both issues worth checking out, as is the paper. #1 is 75p and #2 is a pound, The Class War is 1 pound and 75p for 6 issues, and mailing cost are hellish from Europe.
London Class War , POBOX 467, LONDON E8 3QX ENGLAND

POWER AND MONEY

Prostitutes and Other Women For Equal Rights (POWER) continues it's support, advocacy and solidarity work with women in the sex-trade here in Vancouver. As is the case with any group that promotes radical (real) solutions to problems they face, the state gives them no money. They are in constant need of financial support. So please reach down deep and give them some help, (especially you men). For more information about them, contact:

POWER, Main PO Box 2288,
Vancouver, BC, V6B 3W5,

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(see: Interview with Karen from POWER in the Autumn issue of No Picnic)

SHUT 'EM DOWN!

Bill Meyers wants to organize a direct action campaign to stop CFC production now. Chloroflourocarbons are responsible for much of the depletion of the ozone layer of the earths atmosphere, yet despite this they are still being produced. If your interested in finding out more contact: Bill Meyers at P.O.Box 8362, San Diego, CA. 92102

PRISON RESOURCE LIST

Thunderbird Prison Alliance
Thunderbird Free Press, P.O. Box 193, High Bridge, NJ, 08829. USA
"International coalition of prisoners' culture groups, political activists, watchtower support networks, medicine societies, etc." Native American Rights. Free to people in prison.

Prison Book Program
92 Green St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. USA

Books for Prisoners
5241 University Way, NE, Seattle, WA 98105. USA

Both of these programs send books to state and federal prisoners throughout the US at no charge. You may request reading material on a particular subject. Sometimes they are 2-3 months behind on filling requests, so please be patient. Not a source for penpals.

The Prison Reading Project
c/o Paz Press, Box 3146, Fayetteville, AR 72702. USA
This project makes books available to incarcerated women. Write with request for information.

B.O.A. Bevy of Anarchist/Feminists
c/o Librarie Alternative, 2035 St-Laurent, Montreal, PQ, H2X 2T3. Canada
Magazine "drawing on anarchist/feminist ideas to form a socio-political, and cultural analysis that is relevant to womyn." Free.

Prison News Service
P.O. Box 5052 Stn. A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1W4. Canada
News on prisoner resistance and prison repression. Also publishes 'The Marionet' publication out of Marion prison. Free to prisoners.

Justice Group
P.O. Box 9250, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 3W9 Canada
Covers Native Prisoners Autonomy, Prison Abolition, Etc. Free.

Off Our Backs
2423 18th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009. USA
A women's liberation journal. Free to women in prison.

Jailhouse Lawyers Manual (Booklet)
Prison Network News, National Lawyers Guild,
853 Broadway, #1705, New York, NY 10003
The National Lawyers Guild has published a new and up-to-date Jailhouse Lawyers Manual (1988). Free to prisoners. Get your name on the waiting list. There is a limited supply. As well they are beginning a publication of a newsletter for jailhouse lawyers and outside lawyers to "get in touch". This is free to jailhouse lawyers.

Prison Links
Progressive Prisoners Movement
462 1/2 Granville St., Newark Ohio, 43055.
New magazine that wants to call attention to and move for action on many prisoner issues, including the death penalty, wages for prisoners, overcrowding and AIDS. Write them with ideas and stuff - (for publication or not).

Aid to Incarcerated Mothers (AIM)
c/o St. Paul's, 138 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111 USA. 617-423-6886
Aid to women prisoners in Massachusetts only.

Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto
215 Wellesley St. East, Toronto, Ontario, M4X 1G1 Canada
Aid to Toronto area wimmin

ROSI (Remember Our Sisters Inside)
2144 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704. USA
ROSI ia an art network for women in prison. They reproduce art for women in prison, as stationery, greeting cards, posters, etc.

The Californian Prisoner
1317 18th St., San Francisco CA. 94107. USA
A prisoners' union publication. Free to prisoners

Black/Out
NCBLG, 19641 West Seven Mile, Detroit, MI 48219. USA
A quarterly publication of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays. Includes stories, poems, drawings and some penpal ads. Free to prisoners.

Anarchist Black Cross
The Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) is an international support network, made up from autonomous groups, for anarchist and class war prisoners. Most of the different contacts have a publication or news service. The ABC is active on many levels on behalf of comarades who are locked down. Write to them for more info. All information and publications are free.

Toronto ABC, P.O. Box 6326 Stn. A, Toronto Ontario M5W 1P7. Canada Publishes pamphlets etc.
Vancouver ABC, Box 2881, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3X4, Canada Publishes pamphlets etc.
California ABC, P.O. Box 215, San Lorenzo Ca, 94580 USA
New York ABC, c/o Left Over, 983 Metropolitan Ave. #D3, Brooklyn NY, 1121 USA Publishes a newsletter.

Phoenix Rising
P.O. Box 7251 Stn. A, Toronto, Ontario, M5W 1X9. Canada
'Voice of the Psychiatrized'. Free to Psychiatric Inmates.

'Making It, a Womens Guide to Sex in the Age of AIDS'
Available in both English and Spanish.
Firebrand Books
141 The Commons, Ithaca NY 14850 USA
Free to women in Prison.

American Civil Liberties Union: National Prison Project
1616 P St. NW., Washington D.C. 20036 ISA.
Free basic information on AIDS and prison.

The Wimmin Prisoners' Survival Network
P.O. Box 770 Stn. P, Toronto Ontario, M5S 2Z1, Canada
A publication for wimmin in prison, articles, poetry, etc. Anarchist. Free to wimmin in prison.

Hurricane Alice
207 Church St., SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455. USA
Free to women in prison.

Tightwire Publications
P.O. Box 515, Prison for Women, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 4W7. Canada
Publication by women in the Prison for Women, subscription are $10/yr. Free photo copies of the magazine, available to womyn in prison from the WPSN.

FREE LEONARD PELTIER

APRIL 16 - 18....SOLIDARITY VIGIL FOR THE RELEASE OF LEONARD PELTIER, AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT LEADER. Twelve years earlier, an extradition of Peltier from Canada to the USA was based on fraudulently-obtained evidence. On April 17 & 18, 1989, the Supreme Court of Canada will consider legal applications for an appeal of the original extradition order. If successful, the 1976 extradition will be overturned & Peltier returned to Canada. After 12 years of prison isolation, behaviour modification, & assassination attempts, there is hope that this may be the breakthrough that brings Peltier's release from the 50 year sentence imposed by the racist US courts.

During these years of incarceration, Peltier has become internationally-recognized as a political prisoner...declared by many diverse supporters, from Amnesty International to Bishop Tutu to the USSR govt. He remains in a U.S. prison because he is a leader in a struggle to defend the sovereign rights of all Aboriginal People against the massive resource exploitation of Indian lands. His struggle is no different than the struggle for self-determination of Aboriginal People in Canada today. He became a political prisoner of the war against North America's Indigenous People's by agents of the U.S. govt. when the process of a Canadian court was abused to obtain his extradition.

PUT YOUR VOICE WITH THE OTHERS CALLING FOR HIS FREEDOM! All-day events at the vigil include speakers, videos, poets, drummers & singers offering words & music & prayers for an understanding of Native history & struggle. Freedom for all Native political prisoners! Hoka Hey! Phone the Carnegie at 685-2220 to check the deatailed schedule of events.

APRIL 16 - 18, CARNEGIE CENTRE, CORNER OF MAIN & HASTINGS, VANCOUVER

RAPE RELIEF WALKATHON
MAY 28th

Vancouver Rape Relief and women's Shelter is holding it's 9th annual walkathon to help raise funds to support it's shelter and crisis intervention work. Rape Relief is different from most other projects of it's kind because it get no $$$ from the state. This is a political decision. Money from the state comes with it's inevitable strings attached. These strings tie the women's free hands and help to keep the patriarchy in place. These women know what they want and how to deal with their situation. In this, the state has no say. For this reason the women must raise their costs on their own.

For this reason they must raise their own funds. The Walkathon will take place on May 28th at 11 AM. People are needed as walkers or to sponsor one. Pushers for the differently abled will be privided. Also offsite childcare is planned.

Men can help with ongoing support of the fight against violence against women. For more information call: 872 8212